

IBM System x3850 X6

Lenovo Product Guide

The IBM® System x3850 X6 server is a four-socket 4U rack-mounted server that represents the sixth generation of the IBM Enterprise X-Architecture®. It delivers fast application performance, is based on an agile system design, and is a resilient platform that is needed for mission-critical databases, enterprise applications, and virtualized environments.

The x3850 X6 packs numerous fault-tolerant and high-availability features into a high-density, 4U rack-optimized lid-less package that helps reduce the space that is needed to support massive network computing operations and simplify servicing. The x3850 X6 supports up to four Intel Xeon E7-4800/8800 v2 high-performance processors and up to 6 TB of memory.

Suggested use: mission-critical scalable databases, business analytics, virtualization, enterprise applications, and cloud applications.

The following figure shows the IBM System x3850 X6.



Figure 1. The IBM System x3850 X6

Did you know?

The x3850 X6 server employs a lid-less design where all serviceable components are front- and rear-accessible. In addition, each major subsystem is implemented as modular "book" design, such as the Compute Books and I/O Books. This configuration means that components are easy to upgrade and service, which translates to greater uptime of applications to your users. The x3850 X6 offers enterprise scalability and advanced RAS features to support the most demanding mission-critical applications that require 24x7 operations.

Key features

The increasing demand for cloud-computing and analytics workloads by enterprises to meet social, mobile, and Big Data requirements drives innovation to find new ways to build informational systems. Clients are looking for cost-optimized fit-for-purpose IT solutions that manage large amounts of data, easily scale performance, and provide enterprise class reliability.

Built on decades of innovation, IBM introduces its sixth generation of Enterprise X-Architecture technology, IBM X6 servers. IBM X6 servers are fast, agile, and resilient:

- *Fast* application performance means immediate access to actionable information.
- *Agile* system design helps to reduce acquisition costs and provide the ability to upgrade processor and memory technology at each refresh within the same chassis.
- *Resilient* platforms maximize application uptime and promote easy integration in virtual environments.

IBM X6 servers continue to lead the way as the shift toward mission-critical scalable databases, business analytics, virtualization, enterprise applications, and cloud-computing applications accelerates.

Fast application performance

The server offer numerous features to boost performance:

- Supports IBM memory-channel storage and IBM eXFlash DIMMs, where solid-state storage devices are installed in memory DIMM sockets. These devices are directly connected to the processors and provide the lowest latency values in the industry.
- Based on the Intel Xeon processor E7-4800 v2 and E7-8800 v2 product family:
 - o Supports up to four E7-4800 v2 processors with 60 cores and 120 threads to maximize the concurrent running of multi-threaded applications.
 - o Improves productivity by offering superior system performance with 15-core processors (up to 2.8 GHz core speeds), up to 37.5 MB of L3 cache, and up to three 8 GTps QPI interconnect links.
- Supports memory speeds up to 1600 MHz.
- Supports up to 96 DIMM sockets, with 24 DIMMs per processor.
- With eXFlash memory-channel storage, the server delivers up to 12.8 TB of ultra-low latency flash memory by using IBM WriteNow technology, which is ideal for high-performance applications.
- Intelligent and adaptive system performance with Intel Turbo Boost Technology 2.0 allows processor cores to run at maximum speeds during peak workloads by temporarily going beyond processor thermal design power (TDP).
- Intel Hyper-Threading Technology boosts performance for multi-threaded applications by enabling simultaneous multi-threading within each processor core, up to two threads per core.
- Intel Virtualization Technology integrates hardware-level virtualization hooks that allow operating system vendors to better use the hardware for virtualization workloads.
- Intel Advanced Vector Extensions (AVX) improve floating-point performance for compute-intensive technical and scientific applications.
- Supports a 12 Gbps SAS RAID portfolio.
- The usage of solid-state drives (SSDs) instead of, or along with, traditional spinning drives (HDDs) can improve I/O performance. An SSD can support up to 100 times more I/O operations per second (IOPS) than a typical HDD.

- PCI Express 3.0 I/O adapter slots that improve the theoretical maximum bandwidth by almost 100% (8 GTps per link using 128b/130b encoding) compared to the previous generation of PCI Express 2.0 (5 GTps per link using 8b/10b encoding).
- With Intel Integrated I/O Technology, the PCI Express 3.0 controller is integrated into the Intel Xeon processor E7-4800/8800 v2 product families. This integration helps reduce I/O latency and increase overall system performance.
- Support for up to two graphics processing units (GPUs) and co-processors to maximize computing power.
- Energy-efficient electronic components help lower operational costs, including highly efficient 900 W AC and 1400 W AC power supplies with 80 PLUS Platinum certification.

Agile system design

The server provides many scalability and flexibility features:

- Innovative module "book" design for each of the three subsystems: Compute Books, Storage Book, and I/O Books. Front and rear access means that you can easily scale the system by adding components without removing the entire server from the rack.
- The modular book design also allows clients to create the configuration that fits their application and environment needs, which reduces acquisition costs while giving them the flexibility to grow and modify their configuration later.
- The book design also means that subsystem upgrades are simpler, quicker to perform, and have a lower impact on the rest of the server.
- Using 64 GB LRDIMMs, the server supports up to 6 TB of memory.
- Up to 32 eXFlash DIMMs are supported for a total of 12.8 TB of low-latency and high-performance storage.
- Up to 16x 1.8-inch eXFlash SSD bays, or up to eight 2.5-inch bays, provide a flexible and scalable all-in-one platform to meet your increasing demands.
- Offers up to 11 PCIe slots plus a dedicated Mezzanine LOM (ML2) adapter slot. Most slots are PCIe 3.0 to maximize I/O scalability.
- PCIe slots are implemented in I/O Books to maximize modularity. Choose from Half-length I/O Books or Full-length I/O Books, depending on the adapters that you need to deploy.
- Most components are common between the four-socket x3850 X6 and eight-socket x3950 X6, making for a simple upgrade path with minimal parts on the floor.

Resilient platform

The server provides many features to simplify serviceability and increase system uptime:

- Upward Integration Modules for standard hypervisors enable the creation and management of policies to maintain high availability of virtual machines and concurrent updating of the system firmware, with no impact on application performance or availability.
- Advanced Processor Recovery allows the system to automatically switch access and control of networking, management, and storage in the event of a processor 1 failure, providing higher availability and productivity.
- Advanced Page Retire proactively protects applications from corrupted pages in memory, which is crucial for scaling memory to terabytes.

- Redundant bit steering, memory mirroring, and memory rank sparing for redundancy in the event of a non-correctable memory failure.
- Intel Execute Disable Bit functionality can help prevent certain classes of malicious buffer overflow attacks when combined with a supported operating system.
- Intel Trusted Execution Technology provides enhanced security through hardware-based resistance to malicious software attacks, allowing an application to run in its own isolated space, which is protected from all other software running on a system.
- Redundant Intel Platform Controller Hub (PCH) connections to the processors allow the platform to maintain access to networking, storage, and server management during a processor failure.
- Hot-swap drives support RAID redundancy for data protection and greater system uptime.
- Hot-swap I/O Books enabling you to install or replace adapters while the server is still running.
- Tool-less lid-less design provides front and rear access for easy upgrades and serviceability. There is no need to pull the server out of the rack to access internal components.
- Hot-swap power supplies and hot-swap dual-motor redundant fans provide availability for mission-critical applications.
- A new LCD diagnostics panel that is combined with individual light path diagnostic LEDs quickly lead the technician to failed (or failing) components, which simplifies servicing, speeds up problem resolution, and helps improve system availability.
- Predictive Failure Analysis (PFA) detects when system components (processors, memory, HDDs, SSDs, fans, and power supplies) operate outside of standard thresholds and generates proactive alerts in advance of a possible failure, therefore increasing uptime.
- Built-in Integrated Management Module Version II (IMM2) continuously monitors system parameters, triggers alerts, and performs recovering actions in case of failures to minimize downtime.
- Includes a special Mezzanine LOM (ML2) adapter slot with support for adapters with either two 10 Gb ports or 4 Gb ports. Supports direct connectivity to the IMM2 service processor for out-of-band systems management.
- Integrated industry-standard Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) enables improved setup, configuration, and updates, and simplifies error handling.
- Two integrated Trusted Platform Modules (TPMs) 1.2 support enables advanced cryptographic functionality, such as digital signatures and remote attestation.
- Industry-standard Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) NI support for faster and stronger encryption.
- IBM Systems Director® provides proactive systems management. It offers comprehensive systems management tools that help increase uptime, reduce costs, and improve productivity through advanced server management capabilities.
- Solid-state drives (SSDs) offer better reliability than traditional mechanical HDDs for greater uptime.
- Built-in diagnostic tests, using Dynamic Systems Analysis (DSA) Preboot, speed up troubleshooting tasks to reduce service time.
- Three-year customer-replaceable unit and onsite limited warranty, 9x5 next business day. Optional service upgrades are available.

Locations of key components and connectors

The following figure shows the front of the x3850 X6 server.

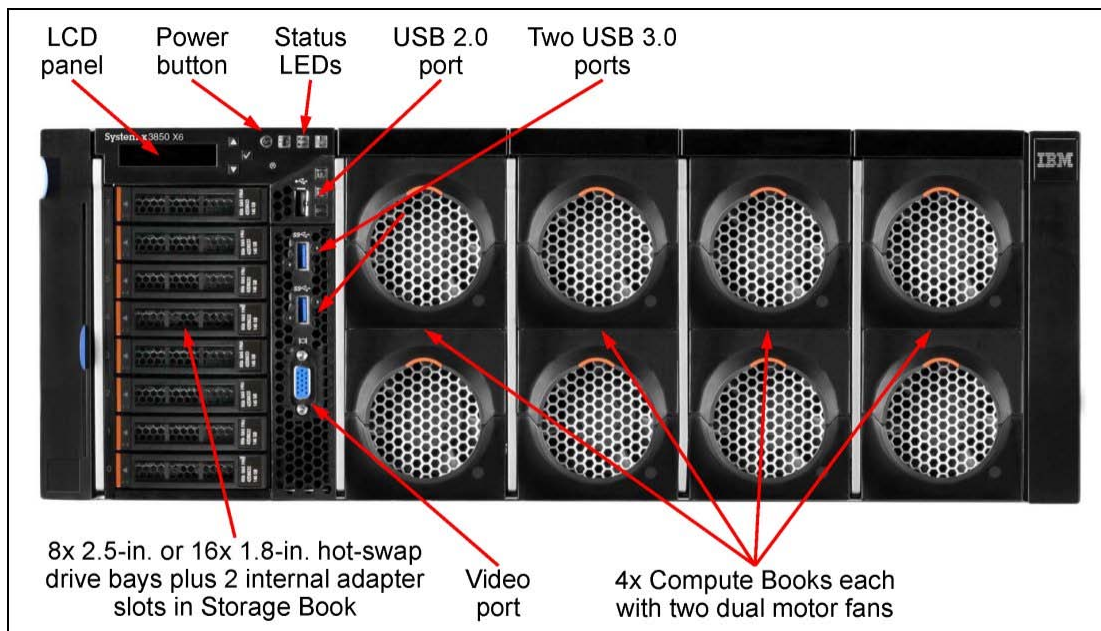


Figure 2. Front view of the IBM System x3850 X6

The following figure shows the rear of the x3850 X6 server.

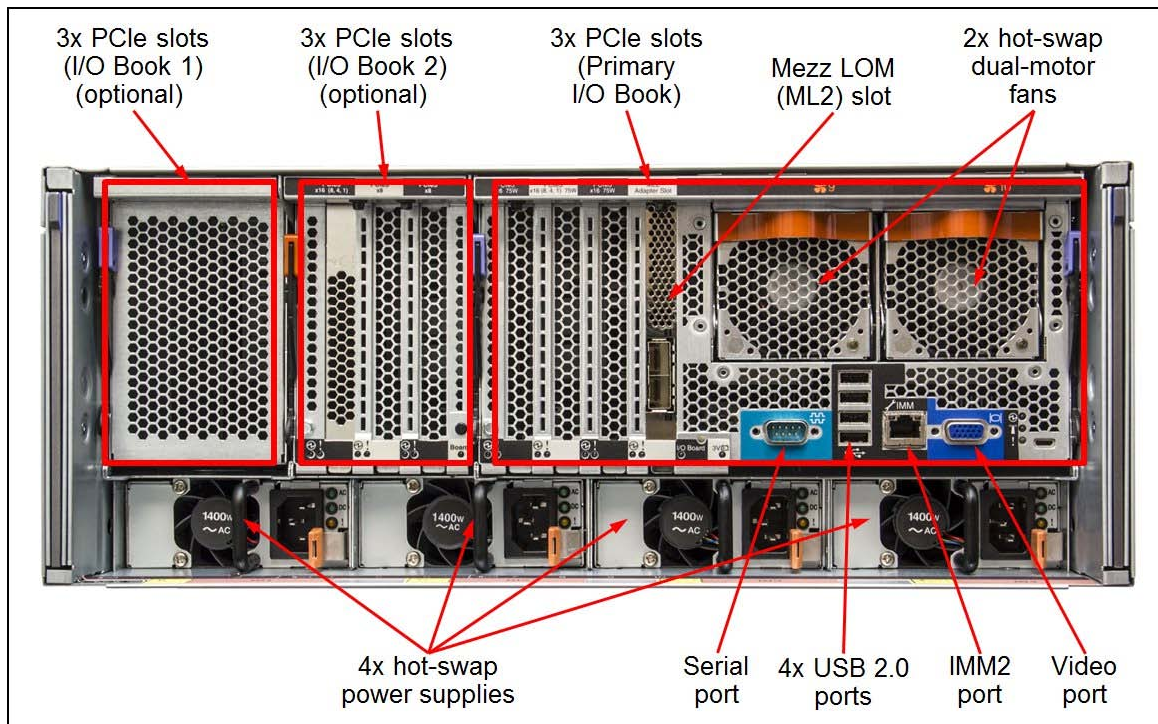


Figure 3. Rear view of the IBM System x3850 X6

Standard specifications

The following table lists the standard specifications.

Table 1. Standard specifications (Part 1)

Components	Specification
Form factor	4U rack.
Processor	Up to four Intel Xeon E7-4800 v2 or E7-8800 v2 processors, each in a Compute Book. Each processor has either 15 cores (up to 2.8 GHz), 12 cores (up to 2.6 GHz), 10 cores (up to 2.2 GHz), eight cores (up to 2.0 GHz), or six cores (up to 3.4 GHz). There are three QPI links up to 8.0 GTps each. Up to 1600 MHz memory speed. Up to 37.5 MB L3 cache. Intel C602J chipset.
Memory	Up to 96 DIMM sockets (24 DIMMs per processor, installed in the Compute Book). RDIMMs and LRDIMMs (Load Reduced DIMMs) are supported, but memory types cannot be intermixed. Memory speed up to 1600 MHz.
Memory maximums	With RDIMMs: Up to 1.5 TB with 96x 16 GB RDIMMs and four processors. With LRDIMMs: Up to 6 TB with 96x 64 GB LRDIMMs and four processors.
Memory protection	ECC, Chipkill, RBS, memory mirroring, and memory rank sparing.
Memory-channel storage	IBM eXFlash DIMMs are installed in memory DIMM slots, but are seen by the OS as storage devices. Memory channels with eXFlash DIMMs must also have at least one RDIMM. Cannot be mixed with LRDIMMs. A maximum of 32 eXFlash DIMMs can be installed. Maximum 12.8 TB with 32x 400GB eXFlash DIMMs.
Disk drive bays	Up to sixteen 1.8-inch eXFlash SSD bays, or up to eight 2.5-inch hot-swap SAS/SATA bays.
Maximum internal storage	Up to 12.8 TB with 1.6 TB 2.5-inch SAS SSDs, or up to 9.6 TB with 1.2 TB 2.5-inch SAS HDDs, up to 8 TB with 1 TB 2.5-inch NL SAS/SATA HDDs, up to 6.4 TB with 400 GB 1.8-inch SATA SSDs.
RAID support	12 Gb SAS/SATA RAID 0, 1, or 10 with ServerRAID M5210; optional upgrades to RAID 5 and 50 are available (zero-cache; 1 GB non-backed cache; 1 GB or 2 GB flash-backed cache). Upgrades to RAID 6 or 60 available for M5210 with 1 GB or 2 GB upgrades.
Optical and tape bays	None. Supports external USB optical drives.
Network interfaces	Mezzanine LOM (ML2) slot for dual-port 10 GbE cards with SFP+ or RJ-45 connectors or quad-port GbE cards with RJ-45 connectors. See Table 2. Dedicated 1 GbE port for systems management.
PCI Expansion slots	Up to 11 PCIe slots plus dedicated Mezzanine LOM slot. The slots are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two PCIe 3.0 x8 slots for internal RAID controllers (Storage Book) Two PCIe 3.0 x16 slots (x16-wired), half length, full height (Primary I/O Book) One PCIe 3.0 x16 (x8-wired), half length, full height (Primary I/O Book) One ML2 slot for network adapter (PCIe 3.0 x8) (Primary I/O Book) Two optional I/O Books, each with three slots, all full height (using these I/O Books requires four processors). Optional books are hot-swap capable. Optional I/O Books can be either of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half-length I/O Book: Two PCIe 3.0 x8 slots, one PCIe 3.0 x16 slot. Full-length I/O Book: Two PCIe 3.0 x16, one PCIe 2.0 x4 slot; two aux power connectors: 150 W and 75 W. Supports one double-wide GPU up to 300 W.
Ports	Front: Two USB 3.0, one USB 2.0, and one DB-15 video ports. Rear: Four USB 2.0, one DB-15 video, one DB-9 serial, and one 1 GbE RJ-45 systems management. Internal: USB 2.0 port for embedded hypervisor.

Table 1. Standard specifications (Part 2)

Components	Specification
Cooling	IBM Calibrated Vectored Cooling™. Up to ten redundant hot-swap fan packs and five fan zones with N+1 fan redundancy. Each fan pack includes two counter-rotated dual-motor fans.
Power supply	Up to four redundant hot-swap 900 W AC or 1400 W AC power supplies (all 80 PLUS Platinum certified). -48 V 750 W DC power supplies are available through CTO. Power supplies cannot be mixed.
Hot-swap parts	Drives, power supplies, fans, and optional I/O Books.
Video	Matrox G200eR2 with 16 MB memory that is integrated into the IMM2. Maximum resolution is 1600 x 1200 at 75 Hz with 16 M colors.
Security features	Power-on password, admin password, and two Trusted Platform Modules (TPMs).
Systems management	UEFI, IBM Integrated Management Module II (IMM2) with remote presence feature, Predictive Failure Analysis, Light Path Diagnostics, Automatic Server Restart, IBM Systems Director and Active Energy Manager™, and IBM ServerGuide.
Operating systems supported	Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2, 2012, and 2008 R2, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11, and VMware vSphere ESXi 5.1 and 5.5.
Limited warranty	Three-year customer-replaceable unit (CRU) and onsite limited warranty with 9x5 next business day (NBD).
Service and support	Optional service upgrades are available through IBM ServicePac® offerings: 4-hour or 2-hour response time, 8-hour fix time, 1-year or 2-year warranty extension, and remote technical support for IBM hardware and some IBM / OEM applications.
Dimensions	Height: 173 mm (6.8 in.), width: 482 mm (19.0 in.), depth: 804 mm (31.6 in), depth with cable management brackets installed: 836 mm (32.9 in), depth with Full-length I/O Book installed: 921 mm (36.2 in)
Weight	Minimum configuration: 35.9 kg (79.2 lb), typical: 46.4 kg (102.3 lb), maximum: 54.7 kg (120 lb)

The server is shipped with the following items:

- Rail kit
- Cable management brackets
- 2.8 m (9.18 ft) C13-C14 power cord (one for each power supply)
- Statement of Limited Warranty
- Important Notices
- Rack Installation Instructions
- Documentation CD that contains the *Installation and Service Guide*
- IBM Systems Director Flyer

Standard models

The following table lists the standard models.

Table 2. Standard models

Model†	Intel Xeon Processor** (in a Compute Book)	Memory	eXFlash DIMMs	RAID	Drive bays Drives	Ethernet‡	I/O slots§	Power supplies
Standard x3850 X6 models								
3837-A4x	1x E7-4809 v2 6C 1.9GHz 12MB 105W	2x 8GB (1333MHz)⌘	Optional	Optional	Optional	4x 1 GbE	6 std 12 max	1x 900W HS / 4
3837-B1x	2x E7-4820 v2 8C 2.0GHz 16MB 105W	4x 8GB 1600MHz	Optional	1x M5210	4x 2.5" HS / 8 Open bay	4x 1 GbE	6 std 12 max	2x 900W HS / 4
3837-B3x	2x E7-4850 v2 12C 2.3GHz 24MB 105W	4x 8GB 1600MHz	Optional	1x M5210	4x 2.5" HS / 8 Open bay	2x 10 GbE‡	6 std 12 max	2x 900W HS / 4
3837-C1x	2x E7-4860 v2 12C 2.6GHz 30MB 130W	4x 8GB 1600MHz	Optional	1x M5210	4x 2.5" HS / 8 Open bay	4x 1 GbE	6 std 12 max	2x 900W HS / 4
3837-C4x	2x E7-4890 v2 15C 2.8GHz 37.5MB 155W	4x 8GB 1600MHz	Optional	1x M5210	4x 2.5" HS / 8 Open bay	4x 1 GbE	6 std 12 max	2x 900W HS / 4

† x in the Machine Type Model (MTM) represents a country-specific letter (for example, the EMEA MTM is 3837-A3G, and the US MTM is 3837-A4U). Ask an IBM representative for specifics.

** Processor detail: Processor quantity and model, cores, core speed, L3 cache, memory speed, and TDP.

⌘ This model includes the DIMMs that are rated at 1600 MHz, but operate at up to 1333 MHz, as noted, to match the processor memory speed

‡ Model B3x includes the Broadcom NetXtreme II ML2 Dual Port 10GbE SFP+ adapter (BCM57810S based). All other models include Intel I350-T4 ML2 Quad Port GbE Adapter adapter (I350-AM4 based).

§ Models with six slots have the Primary I/O Book (four slots) and Storage Book (two slots) standard. Models with nine slots also include one Half-length I/O Book.

SAP HANA Workload Optimized Solution models

The IBM System x3850 X6 Workload Optimized Solutions for SAP HANA provide optimal solutions for SAP NetWeaver Business Warehouse, data mart, and SAP Business Suite, Powered by SAP HANA applications. Preconfigured workload optimized server models for SAP HANA applications are configured with up to 1 TB of memory and are upgradeable to support larger single node and scale-out cluster implementations. These models include IBM General Parallel File System (GPFS) Single Server for x86 Integrated Offerings with 3-year software subscription and support.

The following table lists the Workload Optimized Solution models for SAP HANA.

Table 3. Workload Optimized Solution models for SAP HANA

Model	Intel Xeon Processor (in a Compute Book)	Memory	RAID	Drive bays Drives	Ethernet	I/O slots	Power supplies
3837-H2x	2x E7-8880 v2 15C 2.5GHz 37.5MB 1600 MHz 130W	128 GB 16x 8 GB RDIMM	1x M5210 + upgrades*	8x 2.5" HS 6x 1.2 TB SAS HDD 2x 400 GB S3700 SSD	1x 4x1GbE ML2 2x Mellanox 10Gb*	6 std 12 max	4x 1400W HS / 4
3837-H3x	2x E7-8880 v2 15C 2.5GHz 37.5MB 1600 MHz 130W	256 GB 16x 16 GB RDIMM	1x M5210 + upgrades*	8x 2.5" HS 6x 1.2 TB SAS HDD 2x 400 GB S3700 SSD	1x 4x1GbE ML2 2x Mellanox 10Gb*	6 std 12 max	4x 1400W HS / 4
3837-H4x	2x E7-8880 v2 15C 2.5GHz 37.5MB 1600 MHz 130W	512 GB 16x 32 GB LRDIMM	1x M5210 + upgrades*	8x 2.5" HS 6x 1.2 TB SAS HDD 2x 400 GB S3700 SSD	1x 4x1GbE ML2 2x Mellanox 10Gb*	6 std 12 max	4x 1400W HS / 4
3837-H5x	4x E7-8880 v2 15C 2.5GHz 37.5MB 1600 MHz 130W	512 GB 32x 16 GB RDIMM	1x M5210 + upgrades*	8x 2.5" HS 6x 1.2 TB SAS HDD 2x 400 GB S3700 SSD	1x 4x1GbE ML2 2x Mellanox 10Gb*	12 std 12 max	4x 1400W HS / 4
3837-H6x	4x E7-8880 v2 15C 2.5GHz 37.5MB 1600 MHz 130W	1024 GB 32x 32 GB LRDIMM	1x M5210 + upgrades* 1x M5120 + upgrades*	8x 2.5" HS 6x 1.2 TB SAS HDD 2x 400 GB S3700 SSD	1x 4x1GbE ML2 2x Mellanox 10Gb*	12 std 12 max	4x 1400W HS / 4

* See the list of specific components below

Each of these HANA models include the following components

- ServeRAID M5210 controller (46C9110) with 2GB cache upgrade with flash backup (46C9110), plus Performance Accelerator (47C8710) and SSD Caching Enabler (90Y4318)
- Model H6x only: ServeRAID M5120 RAID controller for external connectivity (81Y4478), with 1GB cache upgrade with flash backup (81Y4478) plus Performance Accelerator (90Y4273) and SSD Caching Enabler (90Y4318).
- Six IBM 1.2TB 10K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS HDD (00AJ146)
- Two S3700 400GB SATA 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise SSD for IBM System x (00AJ161)
- One Intel I350-T4 ML2 Quad Port GbE Adapter for IBM System x (00D1998)
- Two Mellanox ConnectX-3 40GbE / FDR IB VPI Adapters (00D9550)
- Four IBM SFP+ SR Transceiver (46C3447)
- Four Mellanox QSA Adapter (QSFP to SFP+) (90Y3842)
- Model H5x, H6x only: Two X6 Half-length I/O Books (44X4049)
- IBM Systems solution for SAP HANA media
- License for IBM General Parallel File System (GPFS) Single Server for x86 Integrated Offerings with 3-year software subscription and support

Note: the operating system software is not included with the SAP HANA models. Operating system selection must be a separate line item included in order: SLES for SAP with standard or priority support. The SAP HANA Software is included, but the license is sold separately by SAP or an SAP business partner. VMware Enterprise Plus license sold separately.

For more information about the standard features of the server, see the "Specifications" section.

Upgrading to an 8-socket system

The x3850 X6 server has a flexible modular design that allows you to increase the server's compute power and I/O capabilities by adding additional Compute Books and I/O Books. The modular design also means that if your business needs additional processing or I/O capability within the same system image, then it is possible to migrate to an eight-socket x3950 X6.

IBM supports upgrading a 4-socket X6 server to an 8-socket X6 server. The two recommended methods are as follows:

- Start with a 4-socket x3950 X6 (8U chassis) and add additional processors when needed
- Start with a 4-socket x3850 X6 (4U chassis) and upgrade it when needed using an RPQ process

Option 1: Start with a 4-socket x3950 X6

With this option, you plan for the need for future 8-socket performance in advance and purchase an x3950 X6 with only four Compute Books installed. The initial order would contain:

- Four Compute Books with E7-8800 v2 series processors
- Four Power Supplies (preferably 1400W)
- Two Primary IO Book standard
- Two Storage Book Standard

Once the need arises to upgrade the server to six or eight processors, simply purchase more Compute Books with the same processor model, plus additional power supplies (as determined by using the Power Configurator), I/O Books, adapters and drives as needed.

For information about the x3950 X6, see the IBM System x3950 X6 Product Guide:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/tips1132.html?Open>

Option 2: Upgrade your 4-socket x3850 X6 using an RPQ

With this option, you don't have to plan for 8-socket capacity up front. You start with an x3850 X6 then when you are ready to upgrade to a 6-socket or 8-socket server, you purchase an upgrade offering via an IBM Techline RPQ.

As part of the RPQ, an IBM service engineer comes onsite with the new mechanical chassis and performs the field upgrade by transferring all components to the new chassis. This method also requires the x3850 X6 compute books be the same E7-8800 v2 processors as ordered for the RPQ, however, in this scenario, the server maintain the original serial number.

Note: Use of E7-4800 v2 processors: Intel Xeon E7-4800 v2 processors cannot be used in an x3950 X6. If your x3850 X6 has Compute Books with E7-4800 v2 processors, then these must be replaced with Compute Books with E7-8800 v2 processors if you plan to upgrade to an x3950 X6. The memory in the Compute Books can be reused in the x3950 X6, however.

For this method, contact IBM Techline in your country for assessment and pricing. The existing x3850 X6 configuration will be evaluated and recommendations will be made based on the workload requirements.

The primary part number for the upgrade is the 4U-2-8U Upgrade Option, 44X4058, however additional part numbers will be required. All the components in the option package will be installed in the top portion of the chassis. The 4U system's components will be transferred to the bottom section of the chassis.

Even though this upgrade requires a new 8U chassis replacing the existing 4U chassis, the majority of internal components can be moved from the x3850 X6 to the x3950 X6.

The x3850 X6 components that can be migrated to the x3950 X6 as part of the RPQ upgrade are:

- Compute Books, provided they use Intel Xeon E7-8800 v2 processors
- All memory DIMMs
- Storage Book
- All internal drives
- Primary I/O Book (and associated fans)
- Half-length I/O Books
- Full-length I/O Books
- All adapters
- All power supplies

The RPQ upgrade includes these parts:

- New 8U chassis and 8-socket midplane
- A second Storage Book
- A second Primary I/O Book

The RPQ upgrade may also require new parts:

- Additional Compute Books (a minimum of four Compute Books required in the x3950 X6)
- Additional power supplies (a minimum of four are required in the x3950 X6)
- Additional I/O Books, network adapters, drives as needed

There are key considerations for this upgrade:

- Processor support: Intel Xeon E7-4800 v2 processors cannot be used in an x3950 X6. If your x3850 X6 has Compute Books with E7-4800 v2 processors, then these must be replaced with Compute Books with E7-8800 v2 processors if you plan to upgrade to an x3950 X6. The memory in the Compute Books can be reused in the x3950 X6, however.
- All processors must be identical: All processors used in the x3950 X6 must be the identical. For example, all E7-8850 v2 processors. A minimum of four processors are required.
- The upgrade does result in some parts no longer being used (“parts on the floor”):
- Existing 4U chassis and 4-socket midplane
- Compute Books that are based on E7-4800 v2 processors
- Original x3850 X6 server may need to be ordered configure-to-order (CTO) or Special Bid: To minimize “parts on the floor” (parts that cannot be used in the upgraded system), the original x3850 X6 should be configured with Compute Books containin E7-8800 v2 processors. Since many standard models of the x3850 X6 (see Table 2) contain E7-4800 v2 processors, you may need to use CTO (using a configurator such as x-config) or order the server using Special Bid to create a server configuration with E7-8800 v2 processors.
- Serial number swap: The RPQ upgrade process also involves transferring the x3850 X6 serial number to the x3950 X6 chassis. This transfer makes the upgrade simpler from an asset or depreciation management point of view. This transfer also means that the old 4U chassis will be retired as it will no longer have a valid serial number.
- Power supplies: Ideally all power supplies are the 1400W variant. Regardless of the selection, the power supplies coexistence rules as decrided in the Power supplies section must be followed.

- Additional power: Depending on your workload and configuration you may need to provision for additional PDU outlets, cables and power capacity for your x3950 X6 server. Use the IBM Power Configurator to determine your total power draw to assist you in provisioning adequate power. You can download the IBM Power Configurator from <http://ibm.com/systems/bladecenter/resources/powerconfig.html>
- Additional rack space: An additional 4U of rack space is required when upgrading the x3850 X6 to the x3950 X6, for a total of 8U of rack space.
- Down time: In order to upgrade the x3850 X6 server to a x3950 X6 server you will need to allow for down time. The server will need to be completely powered off and have some of its components removed for re-installation into the new x3950 X6 server.

For further information on the RPQ upgrade, contact IBM Techline at techline@us.ibm.com.

Processor options

The x3850 X6 supports up to four Intel Xeon E7 v2 processors. Processors are installed in Compute Books, one processor in each Compute Book. The following figure shows the components of the Compute Book:

- One processor
- A total of 24 DIMM slots, 12 on each side of the book
- Two hot-swap dual-motor fans that are mounted on the front of the book

The x3850 X6 supports two or four Compute Books. Three Compute Books are not supported. A configuration of one Compute Book is only supported in standard model 3837-A4x.

Each Compute Book is installed in the front of the server, as shown in the following figure.

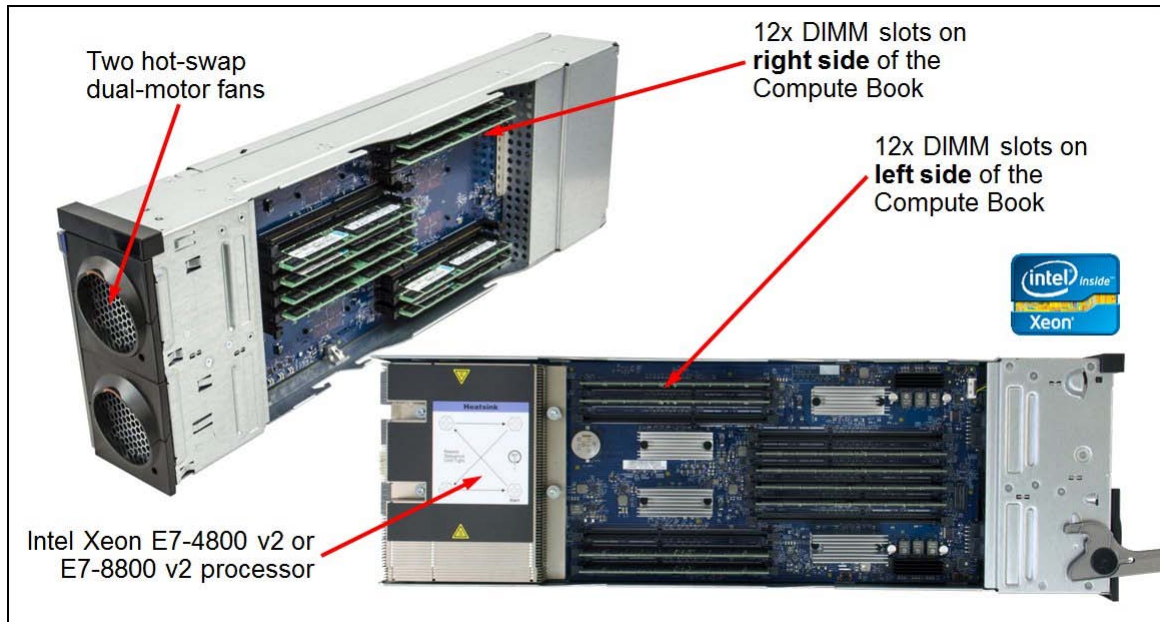


Figure 4. Compute Book

The following table shows the processor options. Each option includes the processor installed in a Compute Book. Compute Books with one of the E7-4800 family of processors are supported only in a four-socket x3850 X6 server and cannot be used in an x3950 X6 server.

The table also shows the maximum memory bus speed each processor supports plus which server models have each processor standard. If there is no corresponding *where-used* model for a particular processor, this processor is only available through CTO.

Note: For models with E7-4809 v2, E7-4820 v2, E7-4830 v2, E7-4850 v2, and E7-8850 v2 processors, eXFlash DIMMs are supported but currently can only be ordered as options and not part of a configure-to-order configuration.

Table 4. Processor options

Part number	Feature code	Description (processor installed in a Compute Book)	Memory bus speed (RAS / Performance)†	Supported quantities x3850 X6*	x3850 X6 models where used
Intel Xeon E7-4800 v2 processor family (not supported in the x3950 X6)					
44X3961	A4B3	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-4809 v2 6C 1.9GHz 105W	1333 / 1066 MHz	2, 4	A4x
44X3966	A4B4	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-4820 v2 8C 2.0GHz 105W	1600 / 1066 MHz	2, 4	B1x
44X3971	A4B5	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-4830 v2 10C 2.2GHz 105W	1600 / 1066 MHz	2, 4	-
44X3976	A4B6	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-4850 v2 12C 2.3GHz 105W	1600 / 1066 MHz	2, 4	B3x
44X3981	A4B7	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-4860 v2 12C 2.6GHz 130W	1600 / 1333 MHz	2, 4	C1x
44X3986	A4B8	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-4870 v2 15C 2.3GHz 130W	1600 / 1333 MHz	2, 4	-
44X3991	A4B9	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-4880 v2 15C 2.5GHz 130W	1600 / 1333 MHz	2, 4	-
44X3996	A4BA	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-4890 v2 15C 2.8GHz 155W	1600 / 1333 MHz	2, 4	C4x
Intel Xeon E7-8800 v2 processor family (also supported in the x3950 X6)					
44X4001	A4BB	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-8850 v2 12C 2.3GHz 105W	1600 / 1066 MHz	2, 4	-
44X4031	A4BH	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-8857 v2 12C 3.0GHz 130W	1600 / 1333 MHz	2, 4	-
44X4011	A4BD	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-8870 v2 15C 2.3GHz 130W	1600 / 1333 MHz	2, 4	-
44X4016	A4BE	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-8880 v2 15C 2.5GHz 130W	1600 / 1333 MHz	2, 4	-
44X4036	A4BJ	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-8880L v2 15C 2.2GHz 105W	1600 / 1333 MHz	2, 4	-
44X4021	A4BF	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-8890 v2 15C 2.8GHz 155W	1600 / 1333 MHz	2, 4	-
44X4026	A4BG	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-8891 v2 10C 3.2GHz 155W	1600 / 1333 MHz	2, 4	-
44X4006	A4BC	X6 Compute Book Intel Xeon E7-8893 v2 6C 3.4GHz 155W	1600 / 1333 MHz	2, 4	-

† The processors support two memory modes, RAS mode (also known as lockstep mode) and Performance mode (also known as independent mode). In Performance mode, the SMI2 link operates at twice the memory bus speed shown.

* A configuration of one processor is only supported in model 3837-A4x. No other server model or CTO configuration supports one processor.

Memory options

IBM DDR3 memory is compatibility tested and tuned for optimal IBM System x® performance and throughput. IBM memory specifications are integrated into the light path diagnostics for immediate system performance feedback and optimum system uptime. From a service and support standpoint, IBM memory automatically assumes the IBM system warranty, and IBM provides service and support worldwide.

The x3850 X6 supports DDR3 memory operating at speeds up to 1600 MHz. The x3850 X6 supports up to 96 DIMMs when all processors are installed, 24 DIMMs per processor. Each processor has four memory channels that are implemented using Scalable Memory Interface generation 2 (SMI2) chips, and the server implements three DIMMs per channel. The processor and the corresponding memory DIMM slots are on the Compute Book.

The following table lists the memory options that are available for x3850 X6.

Table 5. Memory options

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6	Models where used
RDIMMs				
00D5024	A3QE	4GB (1x4GB, 1Rx4, 1.35V) PC3L-12800 CL11 ECC DDR3 1600MHz LP RDIMM	96 (24 per CPU)	-
00D5036	A3QH	8GB (1x8GB, 1Rx4, 1.35V) PC3L-12800 CL11 ECC DDR3 1600MHz LP RDIMM	96 (24 per CPU)	A4x, B1x, B3x, C1x, C4x,
46W0672	A3QM	16GB (1x16GB, 2Rx4, 1.35V) PC3L-12800 CL11 ECC DDR3 1600MHz LP RDIMM	96 (24 per CPU)	
LRDIMMs				
46W0676	A3SR	32GB (1x32GB, 4Rx4, 1.35V) PC3L-12800 CL11 ECC DDR3 1600MHz LP LRDIMM	96 (24 per CPU)	-
46W0741	A451	64GB (1x64GB, 8Rx4, 1.35V) PC3-10600 DDR3 1333MHz LP LRDIMM	96 (24 per CPU)	-

The following rules apply when selecting the memory configuration:

- The server supports RDIMMs and LRDIMMs.
- Mixing different types of memory (RDIMMs and LRDIMMs) is not supported.
- The maximum number of ranks per one DDR3 channel is six with RDIMMs or 24 with LRDIMMs.
- In RAS (lockstep) mode, DIMMs must be installed in a pair.
- The maximum quantity of DIMMs that can be installed in the server depends on the number of processors, DIMM type, rank, and operating voltage, as shown in the "Maximum qty supported" row in the following table.

- All DIMMs in the server operate at the same speed, which is determined as the lowest value of one of the following options:
 - o Memory speed that is supported by the specific processor.
 - o Lowest of maximum operating speeds for selected memory configuration that depends on rated speed, operating voltage, and quantity of DIMMs per channel, as shown under "Maximum operating speed" section in the following table.
- The server also supports IBM eXFlash DIMMs, which are also installed in the DIMM slots. The "IBM eXFlash memory-channel storage" section describes these eXFlash DIMMs and the configuration rules.

The following table shows the characteristics of the supported DIMMs. Tables cells that are highlighted with a gray background indicate that the server supports higher memory frequencies or larger memory capacity (or both) than the Intel processor specification defines.

Memory speed: In performance mode, memory channels operate independently, and the SMI2 link operates at twice the DDR3 speed. In RAS mode, two channels operate synchronously, and the SMI2 link operates at the DDR3 speed.

Table 6. Maximum memory speeds

DIMM specification	RDIMM				LRDIMM			
Rank	Single rank		Dual rank		Quad rank		8-rank	
Part numbers	00D5024 (4GB) 00D5036 (8GB)		46W0672 (16GB)		46W0676 (32GB)		46W0741 (64GB)	
Rated speed	1600 MHz		1600 MHz		1600 MHz		1333 MHz	
Rated voltage	1.35 V		1.35 V		1.35 V		1.35 V	
Operating voltage	1.35 V	1.5 V	1.35 V	1.5 V	1.35 V	1.5 V	1.35 V	1.5 V
Max qty supported*	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96
Max DIMM capacity	8 GB	8 GB	16 GB	16 GB	32 GB	32 GB	64 GB	64 GB
Max memory capacity	0.75 TB	0.75 TB	1.5 TB	1.5 TB	3 TB	3 TB	6 TB	6 TB
Maximum operating speed - Performance mode (2:1 mode - SMI2 link operates at twice the DDR3 speed shown)								
1 DIMM per channel	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz
2 DIMMs per channel	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz
3 DIMMs per channel	1066 MHz	1333 MHz	1066 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz
Maximum operating speed - RAS mode (1:1 mode - SMI2 link operates at the DDR3 speed shown)								
1 DIMM per channel	1333 MHz	1600 MHz	1333 MHz	1600 MHz	1333 MHz	1600 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz
2 DIMMs per channel	1333 MHz	1600 MHz	1333 MHz	1600 MHz	1333 MHz	1600 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz
3 DIMMs per channel	1066 MHz	1333 MHz	1066 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz	1333 MHz

* Maximum quantity supported is shown for all processors that are installed.

The following memory protection technologies are supported:

- ECC
- Chipkill (for x4-based memory DIMMs)
- Redundant bit steering (Double Device Data Correction)
- Memory mirroring
- Memory rank sparing

Chipkill and Redundant Bit Steering are supported in RAS mode. Chipkill is supported in Performance mode.

If memory mirroring is used, DIMMs must be installed in pairs for Performance mode (minimum of one pair per each processor) and quads for RAS mode. DIMMs in the pair/quad must be identical in type and size.

If memory rank sparing is used, then a minimum of two single-rank or dual-rank DIMMs must be installed per populated channel (the DIMMs do not need being identical). In rank sparing mode, one rank of a DIMM in each populated channel is reserved as spare memory. The size of a rank varies depending on the DIMMs that are installed.

IBM eXFlash memory-channel storage

IBM eXFlash memory-channel storage are storage offerings in the physical form of memory DIMMs. These IBM eXFlash DIMMs are installed in memory DIMM sockets but appear to the operating system and applications as block storage devices. This new and innovative technology brings storage electrically closer to the processor subsystem, therefore improving performance considerably.

The following table shows the supported eXFlash DIMMs.

Table 7. Internal storage expansion options

Part number	Feature code	Name and description	Maximum supported
00FE000	A4GX	IBM eXFlash 200GB DDR3 Storage DIMM	32
00FE005	A4GY	IBM eXFlash 400GB DDR3 Storage DIMM	32

The following figure shows one eXFlash DIMM installed with RDIMMs in the Compute Book.



Figure 5. IBM eXFlash DIMM installed in the Compute Book

The following rules apply when building a server configuration with eXFlash DIMMs:

- The 200 GB and 400 GB eXFlash DIMMs cannot be mixed.
- Performance memory mode must be selected. RAS (lockstep) memory mode is not supported.
- Only RDIMMs are supported by eXFlash DIMMs; LRDIMMs are not supported
- The maximum quantities of eXFlash DIMMs are as follows:
 - One processor: 8 eXFlash DIMMs
 - Two processors: 16 eXFlash DIMMs
 - Four processors: 32 eXFlash DIMMs

For more information, visit the eXFlash DIMM support page:

<http://ibm.com/support/entry/portal/docdisplay?Indocid=SERV-FLASHDM>

Internal storage

The server supports 1.8-inch solid-state drives in the IBM eXFlash SSD units and 2.5-inch SSDs and HDDs. Drives are installed in the Storage Book. The x3850 X6 has one Storage Book. The Storage Book supports the following configurations:

- 4x 2.5-inch hot-swap drive bays
- 8x 2.5-inch hot-swap drive bays
- 4x 2.5-inch hot-swap drive bays + 8x 1.8-inch hot-swap SSD bays
- 8x 1.8-inch hot-swap SSD bays
- 16x 1.8-inch hot-swap SSD bays

The following figure shows these configurations.

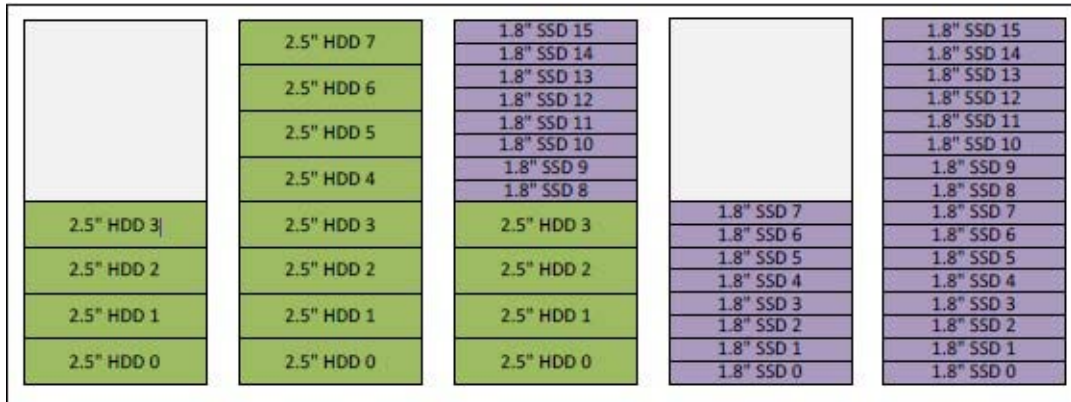


Figure 6. Internal drive configurations

Backplanes

All standard models ship with four 2.5-inch SAS/SATA hot-swap hard disk drive bays. The following table shows the internal storage expansion options that are available.

Table 8. Internal storage expansion options

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6
44X4104	A4A6	IBM 4x 2.5" HS 12Gb SAS HDD Backplane	2
44X4106	A4A7	IBM 8x 1.8" HS 12Gb SAS HDD Backplane	2

The backplanes are connected to one or two RAID controllers or HBAs depending on the number and type of backplane that is installed. The adapters are installed in PCIe slots in the Storage Book, as shown in the following figure.

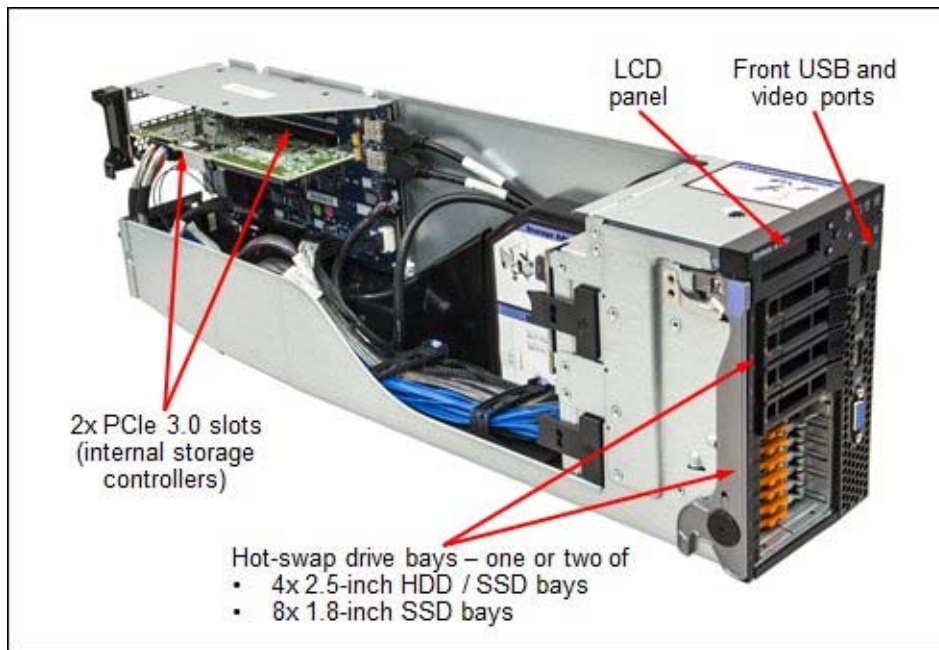


Figure 7. Storage Book

The following table shows the backplanes that are required per Storage Book and the number of controllers that are required. Note that the table shows the exact number of controllers supported for each drive/backplane configuration, no more, no fewer.

Table 9. Drive combinations per Storage Book

Drive combination	Backplanes required	Number of controllers supported
4x 2.5-inch hot-swap drive bays	1x IBM 4x 2.5" HS 12Gb SAS HDD Backplane, 44X4104	1
8x 2.5-inch hot-swap drive bays	2x IBM 4x 2.5" HS 12Gb SAS HDD Backplane, 44X4104	1
4x 2.5-inch hot-swap drive bays + 8x 1.8-inch hot-swap SSD bays	1x IBM 4x 2.5" HS 12Gb SAS HDD Backplane, 44X4104 1x IBM 8x 1.8" HS 12Gb SAS HDD Backplane, 44X4106	2
8x 1.8-inch hot-swap SSD bays	1x IBM 8x 1.8" HS 12Gb SAS HDD Backplane, 44X4106	1
16x 1.8-inch hot-swap SSD bays	2x IBM 8x 1.8" HS 12Gb SAS HDD Backplane, 44X4106	2

Controllers for internal storage

The following table lists the RAID controllers, HBAs, and additional hardware and feature upgrades that are used for internal disk storage. The adapters are installed in slots in the Storage Book.

Table 10. RAID controllers and HBAs for internal storage

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6	Where used
46C9110	A3YZ	ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller	2	All models
47C8675	A3YY	N2215 SAS/SATA HBA for IBM System x	2	-
Hardware upgrades for the M5210				
47C8656	A3Z0	ServeRAID M5200 Series 1GB Cache/RAID 5 Upgrade	2	-
47C8660	A3Z1	ServeRAID M5200 Series 1GB Flash/RAID 5 Upgrade	2	-
47C8664	A3Z2	ServeRAID M5200 Series 2GB Flash/RAID 5 Upgrade	2	-
47C8668	A3Z3	ServeRAID M5200 Series 4GB Flash/RAID 5 Upgrade	2	-
Features on Demand upgrades for the M5210				
47C8708	A3Z6	ServeRAID M5200 Series Zero Cache/RAID 5 Upgrade	1	-
47C8706	A3Z5	ServeRAID M5200 Series RAID 6 Upgrade	1*	-
47C8710	A3Z7	ServeRAID M5200 Series Performance Accelerator	1*	-
47C8712	A3Z8	ServeRAID M5200 Series SSD Caching Enabler	1*	-

* These M5210 features upgrades require a cache memory upgrade (47C8656, 47C8660, or 47C8664).

The ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller has the following specifications:

- Eight internal 12 Gbps SAS/SATA ports
- Two x4 HD mini-SAS internal connectors (SFF-8643)
- Supports connections to SAS/SATA drives and SAS Expanders
- Supports RAID 0, 1, and 10
- Supports RAID 5 and 50 with optional M5200 Series RAID 5 upgrades
- Supports RAID 6 and 60 with the optional M5200 Series RAID 6 Upgrade
- Supports 1 GB non-backed cache or 1 GB or 2 GB flash-backed cache
- Up to 12 Gbps throughput per port
- PCIe 3.0 x8 host interface
- Based on the LSI SAS3108 12 Gbps ROC controller

The IBM N2215 SAS/SATA HBA has the following specifications:

- Eight internal 12 Gbps SAS/SATA ports
- Two x4 HD mini-SAS internal connectors (SFF-8643)
- Supports connections to SAS/SATA HDDs and SATA SSDs
- Optimized for SSD performance
- No RAID support
- Up to 12 Gbps throughput per port
- PCIe 3.0 x8 host interface
- Based on the LSI SAS3008 12 Gbps controller

For more information, see the list of IBM Redbooks® Product Guides in the RAID adapters category at the following address:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/portals/systemx?Open&page=pg&cat=raid>

Internal drive options

The following table lists hard disk drive options for internal storage.

Table 11. Disk drive options for internal disk storage (Part 1)

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6
1.8" SATA HS Enterprise SSDs			
41Y8366	A4FS	S3700 200GB SATA 1.8" MLC Enterprise SSD	16
41Y8371	A4FT	S3700 400GB SATA 1.8" MLC Enterprise SSD	16
1.8" SATA HS Enterprise Value SSDs			
00AJ455	A58U	S3500 800GB SATA 1.8" MLC Enterprise Value SSD	16
00AJ335	A56V	IBM 120GB SATA 1.8" MLC Enterprise Value SSD	16
00AJ340	A56W	IBM 240GB SATA 1.8" MLC Enterprise Value SSD	16
00AJ345	A56X	IBM 480GB SATA 1.8" MLC Enterprise Value SSD	16
00AJ350	A56Y	IBM 800GB SATA 1.8" MLC Enterprise Value SSD	16
2.5" SAS HS SSDs			
00AJ207	A4UA	IBM 200GB SAS 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise SSD	8
00AJ212	A4UB	IBM 400GB SAS 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise SSD	8
00AJ217	A4UC	IBM 800GB SAS 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise SSD	8
00AJ222	A4UD	IBM 1.6TB SAS 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise SSD	8
2.5" SATA HS Enterprise SSDs			
00AJ156	A4U3	S3700 200GB SATA 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise SSD	8
00vAJ161	A4U4	S3700 400GB SATA 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise SSD	8
00AJ166	A4U5	S3700 800GB SATA 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise SSD	8
2.5" SATA HS Enterprise Value SSDs			
00AJ395	A577	IBM 120GB SATA 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise Value SSD	8
00AJ400	A578	IBM 240GB SATA 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise Value SSD	8
00AJ405	A579	IBM 480GB SATA 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise Value SSD	8
00AJ410	A57A	IBM 800GB SATA 2.5" MLC G3HS Enterprise Value SSD	8
2.5" SATA HS Entry SSDs			
00FN337	AS0G	IBM 240GB SATA 2.5" MLC G3HS Entry SSD	8
00FN342	AS0H	IBM 480GB SATA 2.5" MLC G3HS Entry SSD	8
00FN347	AS0J	IBM 960GB SATA 2.5" MLC G3HS Entry SSD	8
2.5" NL SAS HS HDDs			
00AJ121	A4TT	IBM 500GB 7.2K 6Gbps NL SAS 2.5" G3HS HDD	8
00AJ086	A4TU	IBM 1TB 7.2K 6Gbps NL SAS 2.5" G3HS HDD	8

Table 11. Disk drive options for internal disk storage (Part 2)

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6
2.5" NL SATA HS HDDs			
00AJ131	A4TV	IBM 250GB 7.2K 6Gbps NL SATA 2.5" G3HS HDD	8
00AJ136	A4TW	IBM 500GB 7.2K 6Gbps NL SATA 2.5" G3HS HDD	8
00AJ141	A4TX	IBM 1TB 7.2K 6Gbps NL SATA 2.5" G3HS HDD	8
2.5" 15K SAS HS HDDs			
00AJ081	A4TR	IBM 300GB 15K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS HDD	8
00AJ111	A4TQ	IBM 146GB 15K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS HDD	8
2.5" 10K SAS HS HDDs			
00AJ146	A4TP	IBM 1.2TB 10K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS HDD	8
00AJ071	A4TN	IBM 900GB 10K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS HDD	8
00AJ091	A4TM	IBM 600GB 10K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS HDD	8
00AJ096	A4TL	IBM 300GB 10K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS HDD	8
2.5" SAS HS SEDs			
00AJ116	A4U2	IBM 146GB 15K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS SED	8
00AJ106	A4TY	IBM 300GB 10K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS SED	8
00AJ101	A4TZ	IBM 600GB 10K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS SED	8
00AJ076	A4U0	IBM 900GB 10K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS SED	8
00AJ151	A4U1	IBM 1.2TB 10K 6Gbps SAS 2.5" G3HS SED	8

Internal backup units

The server does not support internal tape drive options.

Optical drives

The server does not support internal optical drives.

I/O expansion options

The server supports up to 11 PCIe slots plus dedicated Mezzanine LOM slot (12 total) as follows:

- In the Storage Book (standard in all models): Two PCIe 3.0 x8 slots for supported internal RAID controllers and SAS HBAs
- In the Primary I/O Book (standard in all models):
 - o Two PCIe 3.0 x16 slots (x16-wired), half length, full height, up to 75 W of power
 - o One PCIe 3.0 x16 (x8-wired), half length, full height, up to 75 W of power
 - o One mezzanine LOM 2 (ML2) slot for network adapters with the new ML2 form factor (PCIe 3.0 x8)
- Two optional I/O Books, each with three slots, all full height. Optional I/O Books are enabled for hot-swap.

The following figure shows the Primary I/O Book with the air baffle raised to show the internals.

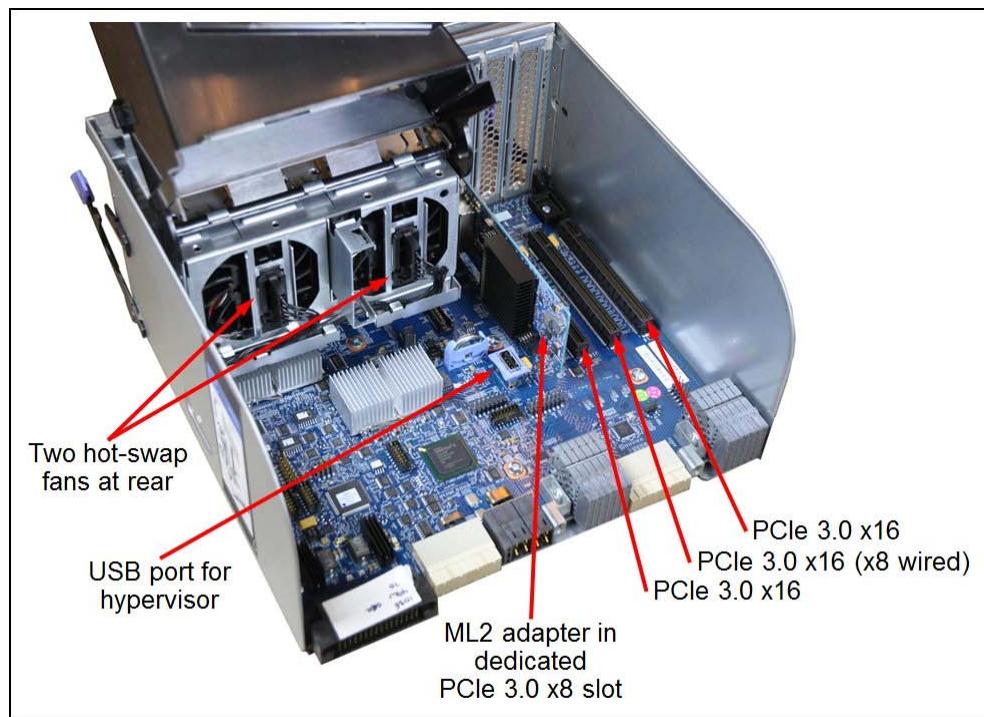


Figure 8. Primary I/O Book

Optional I/O Books can be either of:

- Half-length I/O Book:
 - o Two PCIe 3.0 x8 slots (x8 wired)
 - o One PCIe 3.0 x16 slot (x16 wired)
- Full-length I/O Book:
 - o Two PCIe 3.0 x16 (x16 wired)
 - o One PCIe 2.0 x8 slot (x4 wired)

In order for an I/O Book to be hot-swappable, all adapters that are installed in the book must support hot-swap and the operating system must also support hot-swap. These operating systems support hot-swap:

- Windows Server 2008 R2
- Windows Server 2012
- Windows Server 2012 R2

The adapters listed in the following table support hot-swap.

Table 12. Adapters that support hot swap

Part number	Feature code	Description
00D8540*	A4XH	Emulex Dual Port 10GbE SFP+ VFA IIIr for IBM System x*
49Y7960	A2EC	Intel X520 Dual Port 10GbE SFP+ Adapter for IBM System x
49Y7970	A2ED	Intel X540-T2 Dual Port 10GBaseT Adapter for IBM System x
49Y4230	5767	Intel Ethernet Dual Port Server Adapter I340-T2 for IBM System x
49Y4240	5768	Intel Ethernet Quad Port Server Adapter I340-T4 for IBM System x
00AG500	A56K	Intel I350-F1 1xGbE Fiber Adapter for IBM System x
00AG510	A56L	Intel I350-T2 2xGbE BaseT Adapter for IBM System x
00AG520	A56M	Intel I350-T4 4xGbE BaseT Adapter for IBM System x

* Hot-swap is only supported when the adapter is in pNIC mode. Hot-swap is not supported in either vNIC mode (IBM Virtual Fabric mode or Switch Independent mode).

The usage of these Optional I/O Books requires all four processors to be installed.

The following table shows the ordering information for the optional I/O Books.

Table 13. I/O Book options

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6
44X4049	A4A2	X6 Half-Length I/O Book	2
44X4051	A4A3*	X6 Full-Length I/O Book	2

* The Full-length I/O Book can be ordered only as an option. It is not available through CTO because the Full-length I/O Book cannot be shipped installed in the server

The following figure shows the two optional I/O Books, the Half-length I/O Book and the Full-length I/O Book.

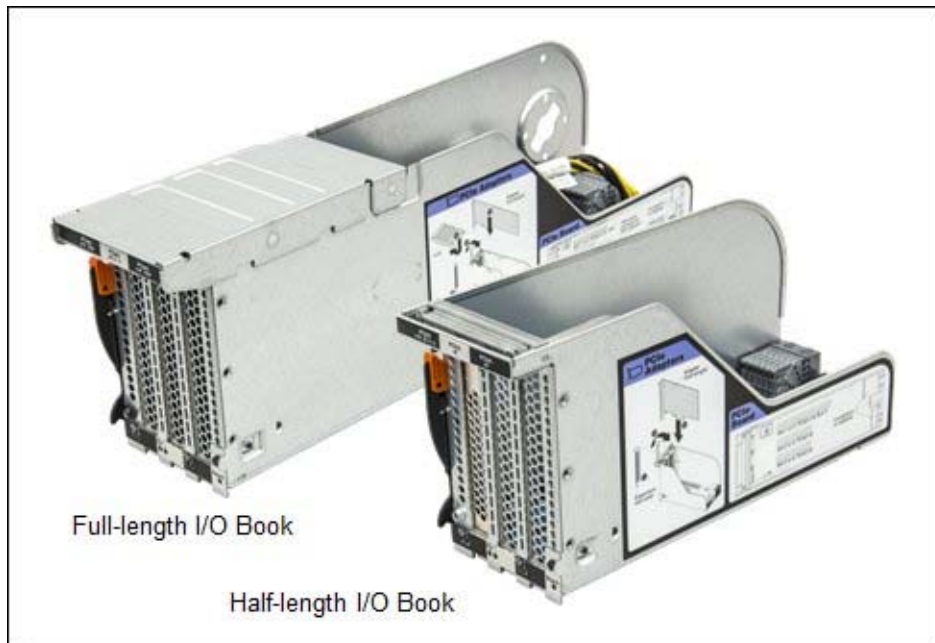


Figure 9. Half-length I/O Book and the Full-length I/O Book

The following figure shows the inside of the Half-length I/O Book.

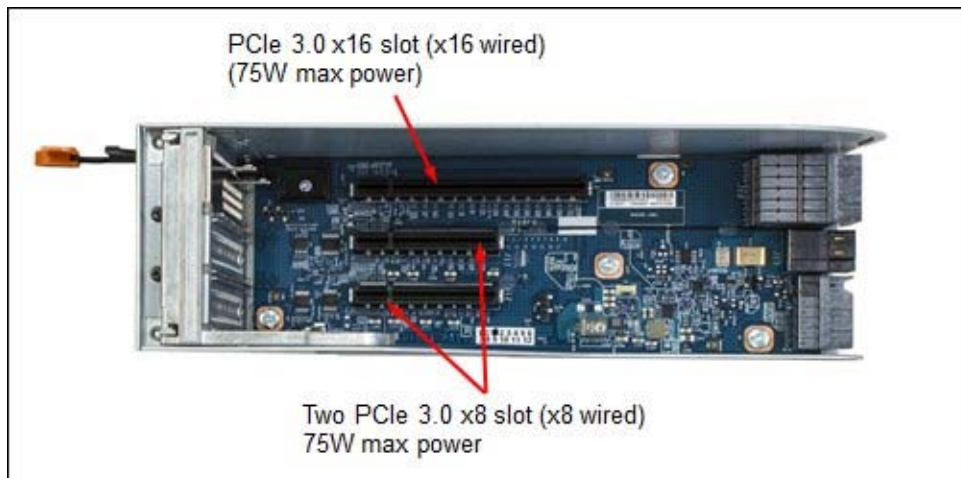


Figure 10. Half-length I/O Book

Each slot in the Half-length I/O Book and the Full-length I/O Book supplies up to 75 W of power.

The Full-length I/O Book also includes two auxiliary power connectors. With the use of these connectors and the supplied power cords, the I/O book supports one double-wide adapter up to 300 W. The auxiliary power connectors are as follows:

- One 2x4 power connector, which supplies up to 150 W of additional power to the adapter
- One 2x3 power connector, which supplies up to 75 W of additional power to the adapter

The combined power consumption of all the adapters that are installed in the Full-length I/O Book cannot exceed 300 W.

Note: The 2x3 connector is intended to be used only when one adapter is installed in the first x16 slot (the up-most slot in the following figure), either requiring 225 W or 300 W of power. The location of the 2x3 connector prevents an adapter from being installed in the other x16 slot.

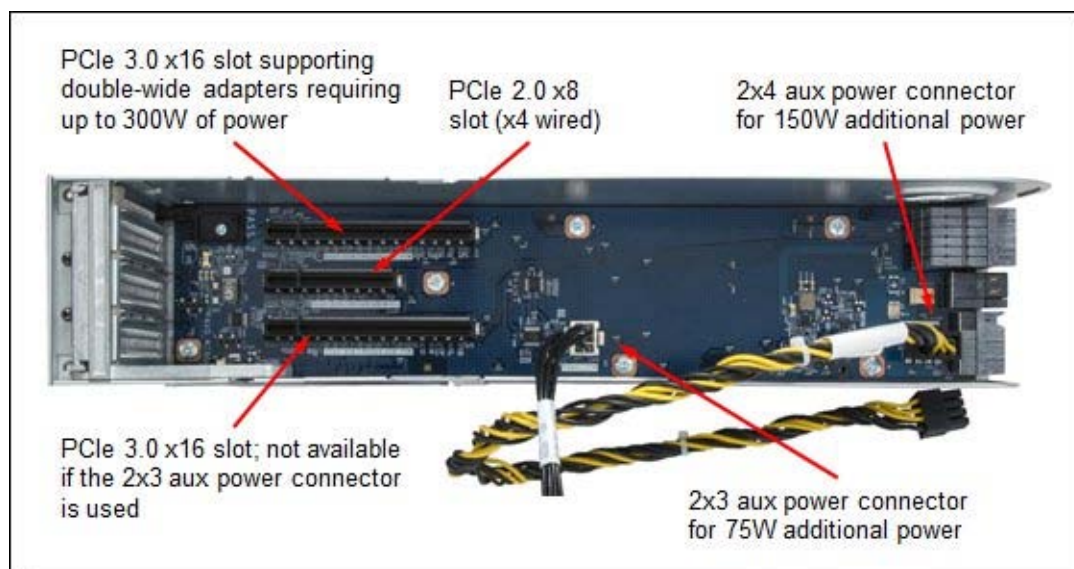


Figure 11. Full-length I/O Book

The Half-length I/O Book installs flush with the Primary I/O Book at the rear of the server. The Full-length I/O Book, when installed, adds a 99 mm (3.9 in.) mechanical extension to the base length dimension of the chassis.

The following figure shows a Full-length I/O Book and a Half-length I/O Book installed in the server.

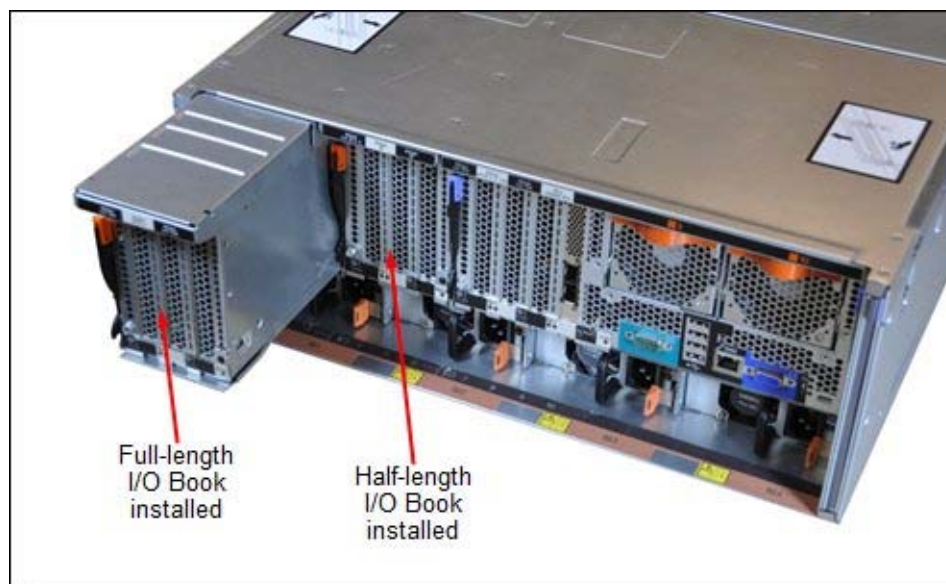


Figure 12. I/O Books that are installed in the x3850 X6

Network adapters

The server supports ML2 adapters that are installed in the custom ML2 slot. This slot supports adapters with either two 10 Gb ports or four Gigabit ports and supports direct connectivity to the IMM2 service processor for out-of-band systems management.

As listed in Table 2, Model B3x includes the Broadcom NetXtreme II ML2 Dual Port 10GbE SFP+ adapter as standard. All other standard models include an Intel I350-T4 ML2 Quad Port GbE Adapter (I350-AM4 based).

The Broadcom NetXtreme II ML2 Dual Port 10GbE SFP+ Adapter has the following specifications:

- Dual-port 10 Gb Ethernet connectivity
- Broadcom BCM57810S ASIC
- SFP+ ports supporting fiber optic and direct-attach copper (DAC) cables

For more information about this adapter, see the IBM Redbooks Product Guide found at the following address:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/tips1027.html?Open>

The Intel I350-T4 ML2 Quad Port GbE Adapter has the following specifications:

- Quad-port 1 Gb Ethernet connectivity
- Intel I350-AM4 ASIC
- RJ45 ports for copper cables

For more information about this adapter, see the IBM Redbooks Product Guide:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/tips1155.html?Open>

The following table lists the supported ML2 adapters.

Table 14. ML2 adapters

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6
00D2026	A40S	Broadcom NetXtreme II ML2 Dual Port 10GbaseT for IBM System x	1
00D2028	A40T	Broadcom NetXtreme II ML2 Dual Port 10GbE SFP+ for IBM System x	1
00D1996	A40Q	Emulex VFA5 ML2 Dual Port 10GbE SFP+ Adapter for IBM System x	1
00D8544	A4NZ	Emulex VFA5 ML2 FCoE/iSCSI License for IBM System x (FoD) (Features on Demand upgrade for 00D1996 - one for each adapter)	1
00D1994	A40P	Intel X540 ML2 Dual Port 10GbaseT Adapter for IBM System x	1
00D1998	A40R	Intel I350-T4 ML2 Quad Port GbE Adapter for IBM System x	1

The server also supports various other Ethernet and InfiniBand network adapters, as listed in the following table. The maximum quantity listed is for configurations with all processors and I/O books installed.

Table 15. Network adapters

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6
40 Gb Ethernet			
00D9550	A3PN	Mellanox ConnectX-3 40GbE / FDR IB VPI Adapter for IBM System x	9
10 Gb Ethernet			
49Y7910	A18Y	Broadcom NetXtreme II Dual Port 10GBaseT Adapter for IBM System x	9
00JY820	A5UT	Emulex VFA5 2x10 GbE SFP+ PCIe Adapter for IBM System x	9
00JY830	A5UU	Emulex VFA5 2x10 GbE SFP+ Adapter and FCoE/iSCSI SW for IBM System x	9
00JY824	A5UV	Emulex VFA5 FCoE/iSCSI SW for PCIe Adapter for IBM System x (FoD)	9
00D8540	A4M9	Emulex Dual Port 10GbE SFP+ VFA III-R for IBM System x	9
49Y7960	A2EC	Intel X520 Dual Port 10GbE SFP+ Adapter for IBM System x	9
49Y7970	A2ED	Intel X540-T2 Dual Port 10GBaseT Adapter for IBM System x	9
00FP650	A5RK	Mellanox ConnectX-3 Pro ML2 2x40GbE/FDR VPI Adapter for IBM System x	9
00D9690	A3PM	Mellanox ConnectX-3 10 GbE Adapter for IBM System x	9
90Y4600	A3MR	QLogic 8200 Dual Port 10GbE SFP+ VFA for IBM System x	9
47C9952	A47H	Solarflare SFN5162F 2x10GbE SFP+ Performant Adapter for IBM System x	9
47C9960	A47J	Solarflare SFN6122F 2x10GbE SFP+ Onload Adapter for IBM System x	9
Gigabit Ethernet			
00AG500	A56K	Intel I350-F1 1xGbE Fiber Adapter for IBM System x	9
00AG510	A56L	Intel I350-T2 2xGbE BaseT Adapter for IBM System x	9
00AG520	A56M	Intel I350-T4 4xGbE BaseT Adapter for IBM System x	9
90Y9370	A2V4	Broadcom NetXtreme I Dual Port GbE Adapter for IBM System x	9
90Y9352	A2V3	Broadcom NetXtreme I Quad Port GbE Adapter for IBM System x	9
49Y4230	5767	Intel Ethernet Dual Port Server Adapter I340-T2 for IBM System x	9
49Y4240	5768	Intel Ethernet Quad Port Server Adapter I340-T4 for IBM System x	9
InfiniBand			
00D9550	A3PN	Mellanox ConnectX-3 40GbE / FDR IB VPI Adapter for IBM System x	9

For more information, see the list of IBM Redbooks Product Guides in the Networking adapters category found at the following address:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/portals/systemx?Open&page=pg&cat=networkadapters>

Storage host bus adapters

The following table lists storage HBAs that are supported by the x3850 X6. The maximum quantity listed is for configurations with all processors and I/O books installed. The maximum quantity listed is for configurations with all processors and I/O books installed.

Table 16. Storage adapters

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6
Fibre Channel - 16 Gb			
81Y1655	A2W5	Emulex 16Gb FC Single-port HBA for IBM System x	9
81Y1662	A2W6	Emulex 16Gb FC Dual-port HBA for IBM System x	9
81Y1668	A2XU	Brocade 16Gb FC Single-port HBA for IBM System x	9
81Y1675	A2XV	Brocade 16Gb FC Dual-port HBA for IBM System x	9
00Y3337	A3KW	QLogic 16Gb FC Single-port HBA for IBM System x	9
00Y3341	A3KX	QLogic 16Gb FC Dual-port HBA for IBM System x	9
Fibre Channel - 8 Gb			
42D0485	3580	Emulex 8 Gb FC Single-port HBA for IBM System x	9
42D0494	3581	Emulex 8 Gb FC Dual-port HBA for IBM System x	9
42D0501	3578	QLogic 8 Gb FC Single-port HBA for IBM System x	9
42D0510	3579	QLogic 8 Gb FC Dual-port HBA for IBM System x	9
46M6049	3589	Brocade 8 Gb FC Single-port HBA for IBM System x	9
46M6050	3591	Brocade 8 Gb FC Dual-port HBA for IBM System x	9
SAS			
46C9010	A3MV	N2125 SAS/SATA HBA for IBM System x	9
00AE912	A5M0	N2225 SAS/SATA HBA for IBM System x	9
00AE916	A5M1	N2226 SAS/SATA HBA for IBM System x	9

For more information, see the list of IBM Redbooks Product Guides in the Host bus adapters category found at the following address:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/portals/systemx?Open&page=pg&cat=hba>

PCIe SSD adapters

The server supports the High IOPS SSD adapters that are listed in the following table. The maximum quantity listed is for configurations with all processors and I/O books installed.

Table 17. SSD adapters

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6
46C9078	A3J3	IBM 365GB High IOPS MLC Mono Adapter	9
46C9081	A3J4	IBM 785GB High IOPS MLC Mono Adapter	9
90Y4377	A3DY	IBM 1.2TB High IOPS MLC Mono Adapter	9
90Y4397	A3DZ	IBM 2.4TB High IOPS MLC Duo Adapter	9

For more information about these adapters, see the IBM Redbooks Product Guide *IBM High IOPS MLC Adapters*, TIPS0907, found at the following address:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/tips0907.html?Open>

GPU adapters and co-processors

The server supports the co-processors and graphics processing units (GPUs) that are listed in the following table. Each is installed in a Full-length I/O Book. No other adapter can be installed in the Full-length I/O Book. The Full-length I/O Book includes the necessary auxiliary power cables.

Notes:

- These adapters are not available through CTO and cannot be shipped installed in the server because they are installed in the Full-length I/O Book, which extends beyond the rear of the chassis (see Figure 12). These adapters must be shipped separately from the server. Order the adapter and Full-length I/O Book as separate options.
- If a NVIDIA Grid K1, Grid K2, Tesla K20, Tesla K40c, Quadro K4000 or Quadro K6000 is installed, the maximum system memory that can be installed is 1 TB.

Table 18. GPU adapters

Part number*	Feature code	Description	Minimum system RAM	Maximum supported x3850 X6
00FP670	A4G4*	Intel Xeon Phi 3120A PCIe x16 for System x3850/x3950 X6	12 GB	2
00FP671	A5U2*	NVIDIA Grid K1 PCIe x16 for System x3850/x3950 X6	32 GB	2
00FP674	A470*	NVIDIA Grid K2 Actively Cooled PCIe x16 for System x3850/x3950 X6	16 GB	2
00FP673	A471*	NVIDIA Tesla K20 Actively Cooled PCIe x16 for System x3850/x3950 X6	10 GB	2
00FP676	A5FG*	NVIDIA Tesla K40c PCIe x16 for System x3850/x3950 X6	24 GB	2
00FP675	A3YU*	NVIDIA Quadro K4000 PCIe x16 for System x3850/x3950 X6	6 GB	2
00FP672	A3YV*	NVIDIA Quadro K6000 PCIe x16 for System x3850/x3950 X6	24 GB	2

* Not available through CTO.

Power supplies

The x3850 X6 server supports up to four redundant power supplies. Standard models come with one, two, or four power supplies (model dependent). The following table lists the power supplies.

Table 19. Power supplies

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6	Models where used
44X4150	A54D	IBM 1400W HE Redundant Power Supply for altitudes >5000 meters	4	All HANA models
44X4152	A54E	IBM 1400W HE Redundant Power Supply	4	-
44X4132	A4R0	IBM 900W Power Supply	4	A4x, B1x, B3x, C1x, C4x
88Y7433	A2EA	IBM 750W High Efficiency -48 V DC Power Supply	4	-

An AC power supply ships standard with one 2.8 m C13 - C14 power cord.

Configuration rules are as follows:

- Power supplies must be in pairs (x3850 X6) or quads (x3950 X6), with the exception of model 3837-A4x, where one power supply is supported.
- The AC power supplies can be mixed. Valid combinations for the x3850 X6 for example, are:
 - Two 44X4132 and two 44X4152
 - Two 44X4132 and two 44X4150
- It is not recommended you mix the two 1400 W options (44X4152 for low altitude and 44X4150 for high altitude) as you will nullify the high-altitude capabilities of 44X4150.
- You cannot mix the AC power supplies with the DC power supply
- Use the Power Configurator to determine exactly what power your server needs:
<http://ibm.com/systems/bladecenter/resources/powerconfig.html>

Integrated virtualization

The server supports VMware ESXi that is installed on a USB memory key. The key is installed in a USB socket that is on the primary I/O book inside the server. The following table lists the virtualization options.

Table 20. Virtualization options

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported
41Y8298	A2G0	IBM Blank USB Memory Key for VMware ESXi Downloads	1
41Y8382	A4WZ	IBM USB Memory Key for VMware ESXi 5.1 U1	1

Systems management

The server contains IBM Integrated Management Module II (IMM2), which provides advanced service-processor control, monitoring, and an alerting function. If an environmental condition exceeds a threshold or if a system component fails, the IMM2 lights LEDs to help you diagnose the problem, records the error in the event log, and alerts you to the problem. The IMM2 also provides a virtual presence capability for remote server management capabilities.

The IMM2 provides remote server management through industry-standard interfaces:

- Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI) Version 2.0
- Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Version 3
- Common Information Model (CIM)
- Web browser

The remote presence provides the following functions:

- Remotely viewing video with graphics resolutions up to 1600 x 1200 at 75 Hz with up to 23 bits per pixel colors, regardless of the system state
- Remotely accessing the server by using the keyboard and mouse from a remote client
- Mapping the CD or DVD drive, diskette drive, and USB flash drive on a remote client, and mapping ISO and diskette image files as virtual drives that are available for use by the server
- Uploading a diskette image to the IMM memory and mapping it to the server as a virtual drive

The blue-screen capture feature captures the video display contents before the IMM restarts the server when the IMM detects an operating-system hang condition. A system administrator can use the blue-screen capture feature to assist in determining the cause of the hang condition.

Supported operating systems

The server supports the following operating systems:

- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6 Server x64 Edition
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 with Xen for AMD64/EM64T
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 for AMD64/EM64T
- VMware vSphere 5.5 (ESXi)
- VMware vSphere 5.1 (ESXi)

For the latest information about the specific versions and service levels that are supported and any other prerequisites, see the IBM ServerProven® website at the following address:

<http://www.ibm.com/systems/info/x86servers/serverproven/compat/us/nos/matrix.shtml>

Physical and electrical specifications

Dimensions and weight:

- Height: 173 mm (6.8 in.)
- Width: 482 mm (19.0 in.)
- Depth: 804 mm (31.6 in.)
- Depth with cable management brackets installed: 836 mm (32.9")
- Depth with Full-length I/O Book installed: 921 mm (36.2 in)
- Weight:
 - Minimum configuration: 35.9 kg (79.2 lb)
 - Typical configuration: 46.4 kg (102.3 lb)
 - Maximum configuration: 54.7 kg (120 lb)

Supported environment:

- Air temperature:
 - Server on: 5 °C to 40 °C (41 °F to 104 °F); altitude: 0 - 3,050 m (10,000 ft).
 - Server off: 5 °C to 45 °C (41 °F to 113 °F); altitude: 0 - 3,050 m (10,000 ft).
 - Shipment: -40 °C to 60 °C (-40 °F to 140 °F)
- Humidity:
 - Server on: 8% - 85%, maximum dew point 24 °C
 - Server off: 8% - 85%, maximum dew point 27 °C
- Electrical:
 - Models with 1400 W AC power supplies:
 - 100 -127 (nominal) V AC; 50 Hz or 60 Hz; 10 A (900 W DC output)
 - 200 - 240 (nominal) V AC; 50 Hz or 60 Hz; 8 A (1400 W DC output)
 - Input kilovolt-amperes (kVA) (approximately):
 - Minimum configuration: 0.16 kVA
 - Maximum configuration: 3.2 kVA
 - Models with 900 W AC power supplies:
 - 100 - 127 (nominal) V AC; 50 Hz or 60 Hz; 10.7 A
 - 200 - 240 (nominal) V AC; 50 Hz or 60 Hz; 5.3 A
 - Input kilovolt-amperes (kVA) (approximately):
 - Minimum configuration: 0.16 kVA
 - Maximum configuration: 2.0 kVA
 - Models with 750 W DC power supplies:
 - -40 to -75 (nominal) V DC
 - Input kilovolt-amperes (kVA) (approximately):
 - Minimum configuration: 0.16 kVA
 - Maximum configuration: 1.7 kVA

- BTU output:
 - o Minimum configuration: 546 Btu/hr (160 watts)
 - o Maximum configuration: 10,912 Btu/hr (3,200 watts)
- Noise level:
 - o 6.6 bels (operating)
 - o 6.4 bels (idle)

Warranty options

The IBM System x3850 X6 has a three-year onsite warranty with 9x5/next business day terms. IBM offers the warranty service upgrades through IBM ServicePac offerings. IBM ServicePac is a series of prepackaged warranty maintenance upgrades and post-warranty maintenance agreements with a well-defined scope of services, including service hours, response time, term of service, and service agreement terms and conditions.

IBM ServicePac offerings are country-specific, that is, each country might have its own service types, service levels, response times, and terms and conditions. Not all covered types of ServicePac offerings might be available in a particular country. For more information about the IBM ServicePac offerings that are available in your country, visit the IBM ServicePac Product Selector at the following address:

<https://www-304.ibm.com/sales/gss/download/spst/servicepac>

The following table explains the warranty service definitions in more detail.

Table 21. Warranty service definitions

Term	Description
IBM onsite repair (IOR)	A service technician comes to the server's location for equipment repair.
24x7x2 hour	A service technician is scheduled to arrive at your customer's location within two hours after remote problem determination is complete. We provide service around the clock, every day, including IBM holidays.
24x7x4 hour	A service technician is scheduled to arrive at your customer's location within four hours after remote problem determination is complete. We provide service around the clock, every day, including IBM holidays.
9x5x4 hour	A service technician is scheduled to arrive at your customer's location within four business hours after remote problem determination is completed. We provide service from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the customer's local time zone, Monday through Friday, excluding IBM holidays. If after 1:00 p.m. it is determined that onsite service is required, the customer can expect the service technician to arrive the morning of the following business day. For noncritical service requests, a service technician arrives by the end of the following business day.
9x5 next business day	A service technician is scheduled to arrive at your customer's location on the business day after we receive your call, following remote problem determination. We provide service from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the customer's local time zone, Monday through Friday, excluding IBM holidays.

In general, the types of IBM ServicePac offerings are as follows:

- Warranty and maintenance service upgrades:
 - One, 2, 3, 4, or 5 years of 9x5 or 24x7 service coverage
 - Onsite repair from next business day to 4 or 2 hours
 - One or two years of warranty extension
- Remote technical support services:
 - One or three years with 24x7 coverage (severity 1) or 9x5/next business day for all severities
 - Installation and start-up support for System x servers
 - Remote technical support for System x servers
 - Software support - Support Line:
 - Microsoft or Linux software
 - VMware
 - IBM Systems Director

Regulatory compliance

The server conforms to the following regulations:

- FCC - Verified to comply with Part 15 of the FCC Rules, Class A
- Canada ICES-003, issue 4, Class A
- UL/IEC 60950-1
- CSA C22.2 No. 60950-1
- NOM-019
- Argentina IEC60950-1
- Japan VCCI, Class A
- Australia/New Zealand AS/NZS CISPR 22, Class A
- IEC 60950-1(CB Certificate and CB Test Report)
- China CCC (GB4943), GB9254 Class A, GB17625.1
- Taiwan BSMI CNS13438, Class A; CNS14336-1
- Korea KN22, Class A; KN24
- Russia/GOST ME01, IEC-60950-1, GOST R 51318.22, GOST R 51318.24, GOST R 51317.3.2, and GOST R 51317.3.3
- IEC 60950-1 (CB Certificate and CB Test Report)
- CE Mark (EN55022 Class A, EN60950-1, EN55024, EN61000-3-2, and EN61000-3-3)
- CISPR 22, Class A
- TUV-GS (EN60950-1 /IEC60950-1, EK1-ITB2000)

External disk storage expansion

The server supports attachment to external storage expansion enclosures, such as the EXP2500 series, by using the ServeRAID M5120 SAS/SATA Controller. The server can also be attached to supported external storage systems, such as the IBM System Storage® DS3500 series, by using a supported HBA (see the earlier "Storage HBA" section). The following table shows the RAID controllers and options for external disk storage expansion.

Table 22. RAID controllers and options for external disk storage expansion

Part number	Feature code	Description	Maximum supported x3850 X6	Standard models where used
00AE938	A5ND	ServeRAID M5225-2GB SAS/SATA Controller		-
81Y4478	A1WX	ServeRAID M5120 SAS/SATA Controller	2	-
Features on Demand upgrades for the M5225				
47C8706	A3Z5	ServeRAID M5200 Series RAID 6 Upgrade for IBM Systems-FoD	1	
47C8710	A3Z7	ServeRAID M5200 Series Performance Accelerator for IBM Systems-FoD	1	
47C8712	A3Z8	ServeRAID M5200 Series SSD Caching Enabler for IBM Systems-FoD	1	
Hardware upgrades for the M5120				
81Y4487	A1J4	ServeRAID M5100 Series 512MB Flash/RAID 5 Upgrade	1	-
81Y4559	A1WY	ServeRAID M5100 Series 1GB Flash/RAID 5 Upgrade	1	-
Feature on Demand upgrades for the M5120				
90Y4318	A2MD	ServeRAID M5100 Series SSD Caching Enabler	1*	-
90Y4273	A2MC	ServeRAID M5100 Series SSD Performance Key	1*	-
81Y4546	A1X3	ServeRAID M5100 Series RAID 6 Upgrade	1*	-

* These M5120 features upgrades require a cache memory upgrade (81Y4487 or 81Y4559).

The ServeRAID M5225 SAS/SATA Controller has the following specifications:

- Eight external 12 Gbps SAS/SATA ports
- Supports 12, 6, and 3 Gbps SAS and 6 and 3 Gbps SATA data transfer rates
- Two external x4 mini-SAS HD connectors (SFF-8644)
- Supports 2 GB flash-backed cache (standard)
- Supports RAID levels 0, 1, 5, 10, and 50 (standard)
- Supports RAID 6 and 60 with the optional M5200 Series RAID 6 Upgrade
- Supports optional M5200 Series Performance Accelerator and SSD Caching upgrades
- PCIe x8 Gen 3 host interface
- Based on the LSI SAS3108 12 Gbps ROC controller
- Supports connectivity to the EXP2512 and EXP2524 storage expansion enclosures

The ServeRAID M5120 SAS/SATA Controller has the following specifications:

- Eight external 6 Gbps SAS/SATA ports
- Up to 6 Gbps throughput per port
- Two external x4 mini-SAS connectors (SFF-8088)
- Supports RAID 0, 1, and 10
- Supports RAID 5 and 50 with optional M5100 Series RAID 5 upgrades
- Supports RAID 6 and 60 with the optional M5100 Series RAID 6 upgrade
- Supports 512 MB or 1 GB flash-backed cache
- PCIe 3.0 x8 host interface
- Based on the LSI SAS2208 6 Gbps ROC controller
- Supports connectivity to the EXP2512 and EXP2524 storage expansion enclosures

For more information, see the IBM Redbooks Product Guide *ServeRAID M5120 SAS/SATA Controller for IBM System x*, TIPS0858, found at the following website:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/tips0858.html?Open>

The controllers support connectivity to the IBM System Storage external expansion enclosures that are listed in the following table. Up to nine expansion enclosures can be daisy-chained per one controller external port. For better performance, distribute expansion enclosures evenly across both controller ports.

Table 23. IBM System Storage external expansion enclosures

Part number	Description	Maximum quantity supported per one controller
172701X	IBM System Storage EXP3000	
174712X	IBM System Storage EXP2512 Express	18
174724X	IBM System Storage EXP2524 Express	9

The external SAS cables listed in the following table support connectivity between external expansion enclosures and the controller.

Table 24. External SAS cables for external storage expansion enclosures

Part number	Description	Maximum quantity supported per one enclosure
ServeRAID M5120 - Server to Expansion enclosure connectivity (Mini-SAS x4 to Mini-SAS x4)		
39R6531	IBM 3 m SAS Cable	1
39R6529	IBM 1 m SAS Cable	1
ServeRAID M5225 - Server to Expansion enclosure connectivity (Mini-SAS HD x4 to Mini-SAS x4)		
00Y2459	0.6m SAS Cable (mSAS HD to mSAS)	1
00Y2461	1.5m SAS Cable (mSAS HD to mSAS)	1
00Y2463	3m SAS Cable (mSAS HD to mSAS)	1
90Y7682	External Expansion Cable - 6M SAS Cable - HD SAS to Mini SAS	1
Expansion enclosure to Expansion enclosure connectivity (Mini-SAS x4 to Mini-SAS x4)		
39R6529	IBM 1 m SAS Cable	1
39R6531	IBM 3 m SAS Cable	1

The following table lists the drives that are supported by EXP2512 external expansion enclosures.

Table 25. Drive options for EXP2512 external expansion enclosures

Part number	Description	Maximum quantity supported per one enclosure
3.5" NL SAS HS HDDs		
49Y1903	1TB 7,200 rpm 6Gb SAS NL 3.5" HDD	12
49Y1902	2TB 7,200 rpm 6Gb SAS NL 3.5" HDD	12
90Y8720	3TB 7,200 rpm 6Gb SAS NL 3.5" HDD	12
46W0975	4TB 7,200 rpm 6Gb SAS NL 3.5" HDD	12
3.5" SAS HS HDDs		
49Y1899	300GB 15,000 rpm 6Gb SAS 3.5" HDD	12
49Y1900	450GB 15,000 rpm 6Gb SAS 3.5" HDD	12
49Y1901	600GB 15,000 rpm 6Gb SAS 3.5" HDD	12

The following table lists the hard disk drives that are supported by EXP2524 external expansion enclosures.

Table 26. Drive options for EXP2524 external expansion enclosures

Part number	Description	Maximum quantity supported per one enclosure
2.5" NL SAS HS HDDs		
49Y1898	500GB 7,200 rpm 6Gb SAS NL 2.5" HDD	24
81Y9952	1TB 7,200 rpm 6Gb SAS NL 2.5" HDD	24
2.5" SAS HS HDDs		
49Y1896	146GB 15,000 rpm 6Gb SAS 2.5" HDD	24
81Y9944	300GB 15,000 rpm 6Gb SAS 2.5" HDD	24
00W1595	600GB 10,000 rpm 6Gb SAS 2.5" HDD	24
46W0970	900GB 10,000 rpm 6Gb SAS 2.5" HDD	24
46W0980	1.2TB 10,000 rpm 6Gb SAS 2.5" HDD	24
2.5" SAS HS SSDs		
49Y6072	200GB 6Gb SAS 2.5" SSD	24
49Y6077	400GB 6Gb SAS 2.5" SSD	24

External disk storage systems

The following table lists the external storage systems that are supported by the server and can be ordered through the System x sales channel. The server might support other IBM disk systems that are not listed in this table. For more information, see the IBM System Storage Interoperation Center found at <http://www.ibm.com/systems/support/storage/ssic>.

Table 27. External disk storage systems

Part number	Description
1746A2D	IBM System Storage DS3512 Express Dual Controller Storage System
1746A2S	IBM System Storage DS3512 Express Single Controller Storage System
1746A4D	IBM System Storage DS3524 Express Dual Controller Storage System
1746A4S	IBM System Storage DS3524 Express Single Controller Storage System
181494H	IBM System Storage DS3950 Model 94
181498H	IBM System Storage DS3950 Model 98
181492H	IBM System Storage EXP395 Expansion Unit
1746A2E	IBM System Storage EXP3512 Express Storage™ Expansion Unit
1746A4E	IBM System Storage EXP3524 Express Storage Expansion Unit

For more information, see the list of IBM Redbooks Product Guides in the System Storage category found at <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/portals/systemx?Open&page=pg&cat=externalstorage>.

External backup units

The server supports the external backup attachment options that are listed in the following table.

Table 28. External backup options (Part 1)

Part number	Description
External tape expansion enclosures for internal tape drives	
87651UX	1U Tape Drive Enclosure
8767HHX	Half High Tape Drive Enclosure
87651NX	1U Tape Drive Enclosure (with Nema 5-15P LineCord)
8767HNX	Half High Tape Drive Enclosure (with Nema 5-15P LineCord)
Tape enclosure adapters (with cables)	
40K2599	SAS Enclosure Adapter Kit
Internal backup drives supported by external tape enclosures	
43W8478	IBM Half High LTO Gen 3 SAS Tape Drive
44E8895	IBM Half High LTO Gen 4 SAS Tape Drive
49Y9898	IBM Half High LTO Gen 5 Internal SAS Tape Drive
00D8924	IBM Half High LTO Ultrium Gen 6 Internal SAS Tape Drive

Table 28. External backup options (Part 2)

Part number	Description
External backup units*	
36251TY	IBM RDX External USB 3.0 Dock with 1TB Cartridge
362532Y	IBM RDX External USB 3.0 Dock with 320GB Cartridge
362550Y	IBM RDX External USB 3.0 Dock with 500GB Cartridge
3628L3X	IBM Half High LTO Gen 3 External SAS Tape Drive (with US power cord)
3628L4X	IBM Half High LTO Gen 4 External SAS Tape Drive (with US power cord)
3628L5X	IBM Half High LTO Gen 5 External SAS Tape Drive (with US power cord)
3628N3X	IBM Half High LTO Gen 3 External SAS Tape Drive (without power cord)
3628N4X	IBM Half High LTO Gen 4 External SAS Tape Drive (without power cord)
3628N5X	IBM Half High LTO Gen 5 External SAS Tape Drive (without power cord)
3580S3V	System Storage TS2230 Tape Drive Express Model H3V
3580S4V	System Storage TS2240 Tape Drive Express Model H4V
3580S5E	System Storage TS2250 Tape Drive Express Model H5S
3580S5X	System Storage TS2350 Tape Drive Express Model S53
3572S4R	TS2900 Tape Library with LTO4 HH SAS drive & rack mount kit
3572S5R	TS2900 Tape Library with LTO5 HH SAS drive & rack mount kit
35732UL	TS3100 Tape Library Model L2U Driveless
35734UL	TS3200 Tape Library Model L4U Driveless
46X2682†	LTO Ultrium 5 Fibre Channel Drive
46X2683†	LTO Ultrium 5 SAS Drive Sled
46X2684†	LTO Ultrium 5 Half High Fibre Drive Sled
46X2685†	LTO Ultrium 5 Half High SAS Drive Sled
46X6912†	LTO Ultrium 4 Half High Fibre Channel Drive Sled
46X7117†	LTO Ultrium 4 Half High SAS DriveV2 Sled
46X7122†	LTO Ultrium 3 Half High SAS DriveV2 Sled

* Note: The external tape drives that are listed can be ordered through the System x sales channel. The server might support other IBM tape drives that are not listed in this table. For more information, see the IBM System Storage Interoperability Center.

† Note: These part numbers are the tape drives options for 35732UL and 35734UL.

For more information, see the list of IBM Redbooks Product Guides in the Backup units category found at the following address:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/portals/systemx?Open&page=pg&cat=tape>

Top-of-rack Ethernet switches

The server supports the top-of-rack Ethernet switches from IBM System Networking that are listed in the following table.

Table 29. IBM System Networking - Top-of-rack switches

Part number	Description
IBM System Networking - 1 Gb top-of-rack switches	
7309BAX	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G7028 (24 ports)
7309CAX	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G7028 (48 ports)
0446013	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8000R
7309CFC	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8000F
7309G52	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8052R
730952F	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8052F
IBM System Networking - 10 Gb top-of-rack switches	
7309DRX	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8264CS (Rear to Front)
7309DFX	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8264CS (Front to Rear)
7309BR6	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8124ER
7309BF7	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8124EF
7309G64	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8264R
730964F	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8264F
7309CR9	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8264TR
7309CF9	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8264TF
IBM System Networking - 40 Gb top-of-rack switches	
8036BRX	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8332 (Rear to Front)
8036BFX	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8332 (Front to Rear)
8036ARX	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8316R
8036AFX	IBM System Networking RackSwitch G8316F

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Uninterruptible power supply units

The server supports attachments to the uninterruptible power supply (UPS) units that are listed in the following table.

Table 30. Uninterruptible power supply units

Part number	Description
Rack-mounted UPS	
24195KX	IBM UPS5000
21303RX	IBM UPS 7500XHV
21304RX	IBM UPS 10000XHV
53952AX	IBM 2200VA LCD 2U Rack UPS (100V/120V)
53952KX	IBM 2200VA LCD 2U Rack UPS (230V)
53953AX	IBM 3000VA LCD 3U Rack UPS (100 V/120 V)
53953JX	IBM 3000VA LCD 3U Rack UPS (200 V/208 V)
53956AX	IBM 6000VA LCD 4U Rack UPS (200 V/208 V)
53956KX	IBM 6000VA LCD 4U Rack UPS (230 V)
53959KX	IBM 11000VA LCD 5U Rack UPS (200V/208V/230V)

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Power distribution units

The server supports attachments to the power distribution units (PDUs) that are listed in the following table.

Table 31. Power distribution units (part 1)

Part number	Description
Switched and Monitored PDUs	
46M4002	IBM 1U 9 C19/3 C13 Active Energy Manager DPI PDU
46M4003	IBM 1U 9 C19/3 C13 Active Energy Manager 60A 3 Phase PDU
46M4004	IBM 1U 12 C13 Active Energy Manager DPI PDU
46M4005	IBM 1U 12 C13 Active Energy Manager 60A 3 Phase PDU
46M4167	IBM 1U 9 C19/3 C13 Switched and Monitored 30A 3 Phase PDU
46M4116	IBM 0U 24 C13 Switched and Monitored 30A PDU
46M4119	IBM 0U 24 C13 Switched and Monitored 32A PDU
46M4134	IBM 0U 12 C19/12 C13 Switched and Monitored 50A 3 Phase PDU
46M4137	IBM 0U 12 C19/12 C13 Switched and Monitored 32A 3 Phase PDU
Enterprise PDUs	
71762MX	IBM Ultra Density Enterprise PDU C19 PDU+ (WW)
71762NX	IBM Ultra Density Enterprise PDU C19 PDU (WW)
71763MU	IBM Ultra Density Enterprise PDU C19 3 Phase 60A PDU+ (NA)
71763NU	IBM Ultra Density Enterprise PDU C19 3 Phase 60A PDU (NA)
39M2816	IBM DPI C13 Enterprise PDU without power cord
39Y8923	DPI 60A Three Phase C19 Enterprise PDU with IEC309 3P+G (208 V) fixed power cord
39Y8941	DPI Single Phase C13 Enterprise PDU without power cord
39Y8948	DPI Single Phase C19 Enterprise PDU without power cord
Front-end PDUs	
39Y8934	DPI 32 amp/250 V Front-end PDU with IEC 309 2P+Gnd connector
39Y8935	DPI 63 amp/250 V Front-end PDU with IEC 309 2P+Gnd connector
39Y8938	30 amp/125 V Front-end PDU with NEMA L5-30P connector
39Y8939	30 amp/250 V Front-end PDU with NEMA L6-30P connector
39Y8940	60 amp/250 V Front-end PDU with IEC 309 60A 2P+N+Gnd connector

Table 31. Power distribution units (part 2)

Part number	Description
Universal PDUs	
39Y8951	DPI Universal Rack PDU with US LV and HV power cords
39Y8952	DPI Universal Rack PDU with CEE7-VII Europe LC
39Y8953	DPI Universal Rack PDU with Denmark LC
39Y8954	DPI Universal Rack PDU with Israel LC
39Y8955	DPI Universal Rack PDU with Italy LC
39Y8956	DPI Universal Rack PDU with South Africa LC
39Y8957	DPI Universal Rack PDU with UK LC
39Y8958	DPI Universal Rack PDU with AS/NZ LC
39Y8959	DPI Universal Rack PDU with China LC
39Y8962	DPI Universal Rack PDU (Argentina)
39Y8960	DPI Universal Rack PDU (Brazil)
39Y8961	DPI Universal Rack PDU (India)
0U Basic PDUs	
46M4122	IBM 0U 24 C13 16A 3 Phase PDU
46M4125	IBM 0U 24 C13 30A 3 Phase PDU
46M4128	IBM 0U 24 C13 30A PDU
46M4131	IBM 0U 24 C13 32A PDU
46M4140	IBM 0U 12 C19/12 C13 60A 3 Phase PDU
46M4143	IBM 0U 12 C19/12 C13 32A 3 Phase PDU

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<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/portals/systemx?Open&page=pg&cat=power>

Rack cabinets

The IBM racks supported by the server are listed in the following table.

Table 32. Rack cabinets

Part number	Description	Supported by x3850 X6	Maximum supported x3850 X6
2018-86X	IBM 11U Office Enablement Kit	No	Not applicable
9307-2PX	IBM 25U Static S2 Standard Rack	No	Not applicable
9307-2RX	IBM 25U Standard Rack	No	Not applicable
9307-4RX	IBM 42U Standard Rack	No	Not applicable
9307-4XX	IBM 42U Standard Rack Extension	No	Not applicable
9308-4EX	IBM 42U Enterprise Expansion Rack	Yes*	10
9308-4PX	IBM 42U Enterprise Rack	Yes*	10
9360-4PX	IBM 42U 1200mm Deep Dynamic Rack	Yes	10
9360-4EX	IBM 42U 1200mm Deep Dynamic Expansion Rack	Yes	10
9361-4PX	IBM 42U 1200mm Deep Static Rack	Yes	10
9361-4EX	IBM 42U 1200mm Deep Static Expansion Rack	Yes	10
9362-4PX	IBM 47U 1200mm Deep Static Rack	Yes	11
9362-4EX	IBM 47U 1200mm Deep Static Expansion Rack	Yes	11
9363-4CX	IBM PureFlex System 42U Rack	Yes	10
9363-4DX	IBM PureFlex System 42U Expansion Rack	Yes	10
9363-4PX	IBM 42U 1100mm Dynamic Rack	Yes	10
9363-4EX	IBM 42U 1100mm Dynamic Expansion Rack	Yes	10
1410-2RX	Intelligent Cluster 25U Rack Family	No	Not applicable
1410-4RX	Intelligent Cluster 42U Rack Family	Yes*	10
1410-PRA	Intelligent Cluster 42U 1200mm Deep Rack Family	Yes	10
1410-PRB	Intelligent Cluster 42U 1100mm Enterprise V2 Rack Family	Yes	10
7200-4PX	Smart Analytics 42U Rack Family	Yes*	10

* No support for Full-length I/O Books

For more information, see the list of IBM Redbooks Product Guides in the Rack cabinets and options category found at the following address:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/portals/systemx?Open&page=pg&cat=rack>

Rack options

The server supports the rack console switches and monitor kits that are listed in the following table.

Table 33. Rack options

Part number	Feature code	Description
Monitor kits and keyboard trays		
17238BX	A3EK	IBM 1U 18.5" Standard Console
17238EX	A3EL	IBM 1U 18.5" Enhanced Media Console
172317X	0051	1U 17in Flat Panel Console Kit
172319X	0052	1U 19in Flat Panel Console Kit
Console switches		
3858D3X	3858HC1 fc A4X1	Avocent Universal Management Gateway 6000 for IBM
1754D2X	6695	IBM Global 4x2x32 Console Manager (GCM32)
1754D1X	6694	IBM Global 2x2x16 Console Manager (GCM16)
1754A2X	0726	IBM Local 2x16 Console Manager (LCM16)
1754A1X	0725	IBM Local 1x8 Console Manager (LCM8)
Console cables		
43V6147	3757	IBM Single Cable USB Conversion Option (UCO)
39M2895	3756	IBM USB Conversion Option (4 Pack UCO)
46M5383	5341	IBM Virtual Media Conversion Option Gen2 (VCO2)
46M5382	5340	IBM Serial Conversion Option (SCO)

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